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Wang Dan predicts democratic China in speech to campus

by Sarah Karalunas
NEWS EDITOR

Wang Dan, co-organizer of the 1989 Tiananmen Square Student Democracy movement, spoke to the Hamilton Community on Thursday night as a part of the Edwin B. Lee lecture series in Asian Studies. Lee, a professor of history emeritus at Hamilton, founded the college's Asian Studies program.

Traditionally, speakers in the series have been historians; however, said Professor of Government Cheng Li, Dan brings the perspective of not only a historian, but also someone who helped make history.

Dan gave a prepared speech in English, then answered questions in Chinese through translator Li.

Dan majored in history and international politics at Beijing University from 1987 to 1989, at which point he was arrested for his part in the Tiananmen Square student protests. Following the demonstrations he was listed as number one on China's most wanted list. "He doesn't look like he should be on anyone's most wanted list, except maybe Hollywood's," said Li of the 32-year-old Dan.

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Professor Cheng Li translates for Wang Dan during Thursday night's lecture.

In 1998, after being released, then arrested a second time in 1995 and sentenced to seven years in prison, Dan was exiled to the United States.

Dan joked about his "trials," saying that there were no

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SA forum explores student union, activities fees

by Thomas Keane '03
NEWS WRITER

Nearly 100 members of the college community particpated in Student Assembly's Town Hall Meeting this past Monday, April 2 to discuss progress in the development of a student union building on campus. The majority of the meeting centered on the future of the Beinecke Student Activities Village, ELS, and the Farmhouse as future homes for a centralized Student Union. The Student Facilities Committee distributed informational flyers regarding the subject. A panel comprised of committee co-chairs Hunter Kurtz '01 and Karsten Lund '03, as well as architect Charlie Belson, was on hand to answer questions and take suggestions from the audience. Student Assembly President Ray Ash '02 and Vice President Deenah Byramjee '03 facilitated the discussion.

The co-chairs explained that the committee had been formed last semester to address the issue of a student union. After presenting their initial findings to President Tobin and the Trustees, they received support to tour the student unions of Alfred University and Colby, Bowdoin, and Middlebury Colleges. This enabled the Committee to gain valuable insight into what makes a student space successful.

Students at the meeting offered many suggestions for the best way to utilize available space on campus. They included things such as an internet café, a bowling alley, a retail space, and better landscaping. Other students requested more storage space for student organizations and a better location for the Hamilton Outing Club, which is now located in the basement of Benedict, just past the boiler room.

"Take into consideration that some acting groups keep all their stuff in someone's suite. They're desperate for storage space," said Kurtz.

Most students supported a centralized village in Beinecke that could house the bookstore, a coffee shop, a convenience store, student organization offices, gathering spaces, a game room, and other such facilities. It was also mentioned that this would be a convenient spot for the Of-

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Mwantuali and Keller join ranks of tenured professors

by Redell Armstrong '04
NEWS EDITOR

As reported in last week's issue of the The Spectator, the Hamilton College Board of Trustees granted tenure to four college professors during the month of March. Along with Professor Herman Lehman and Professor Catherine Kodat, French Professor Joseph Mwantuali and History Professor Shoshana Keller have now joined the tenured ranks. Both professors introduce innovative, pioneering, and exciting projects and means of teaching in their respective fields of study. The tenure of these professors heightens the caliber of the intellectual discourse at the college as well as invites diversity within the walls of the institution.

Before settling in the United States, Mwantuali earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in French Literature and African Linguistics at the University of Zaire in Mbandaka, Democratic Republic of the Congo. After obtaining his degree, he traveled to Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his doctorial degree in French and Francophone literatures.

"Getting admitted as a minority and African in the French Department was hard...[yet] once I got there and we got to know one another, everything went fine," said Mwantuali in reference to some of the difficulties experienced at Penn State.

With a combination of "good friends at Penn State [who] highly recommended Hamilton College" and Mwantuali's pasionate and unrelenting desire to enter into academia and intellectually engage students, Mwantuali arrived at Hamilton college after earning his Ph.D.

Throughout Professor Mwantuali's time in the French

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"The Governor" '72 set to deliver commencement speech

by James P. Du Vernay
NEWS EDITOR

Overlooking members of the independet party and the World Wide Wrestling Federation, the college announced late Thursday that Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack from the Hamilton Class of 1972, will return to the hill in May to deliver the Commencement address at graduation.

PHOTO COURTESY OF C & D

Governor Tom Vilsack '72 will deliver this year's commencement address to the class of 2001.

Vilsack and his wife, Christie Bell Vilsack, Kirkland Class of 1972, have only recently become involved again with the college. Their oldest son Jess graduated last year with the Class of 2000.

After graduating from Hamilton, Governor Vilsack attended Albany Law School. He earned his law degree in 1975 and moved to Iowa with Christie where he entered into private practice.

Although supposedly haven vowed "to never run for any office ever again" after losing a bid for Hamilton class

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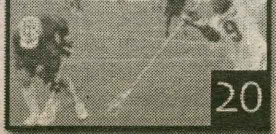

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Student Assembly invites input on Farmhouse use

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fice of Student Activities.

The panel confirmed that ELS is another possible location for the student union because it offers a great deal of space in such a centralized locale. Using ELS would also provide the option of a social space in the basement reminiscent of North Court.

Students voiced a variety of concerns at the meeting. They were most passionate about the future of the Farmhouse, which has provided apartment-style housing for upperclassmen since the fall of 1995. The committee is considering using the space for the student union or additional student organization office space.

Some students questioned the importance of student offices. "There are still a lot of buildings we don't know what to do with, like Si U [Sigma Upsilon]. I think we should consider that before we taking away the best place to live on campus," said one student.

The panel pointed out that alternative apartment-style housing would be offered following renovations of Griffin Road, Rogers Estate and Eels House

Other students pointed out that the Farmhouse only houses 18 students per year. They said that the space could be better used in a manner that benefits as many people as possible. "The Farmhouse goes first because it's centrally located and people want to be there, but it's not right to limit that to 20 people a year," said Steve Guditis, president of the class of 2001.

The Committee is presently working with Belson and Dean Flossie Mitchell on a feasibility study of the existing student spaces. The findings of this study and of the off-campus visits will be presented to the Trustees in June.

"Our goal is to bring the campus community closer by providing a space that we can all use. There is no existing space that encompasses the needs of the students and faculty," Kurtz said. Lund stressed the importance of communication throughout the process. "We're not saying that the Farmhouse is going to be 'x.' We want to hear what people think, and it sounds like a lot of negative and some positive."

Students at the meeting also discussed the student activities fee. Class of 2003 President Maurice Michaane led the debate. He explained that each student is charged fifty dollars per semester. This money is in addition to the student's tuition. The majority of that fee is used to fund student clubs and organizations. The amount of the fee has not changed since it was instituted in the early 1990s, although the number of student organizations has grown tremendously. Hamilton also charges the least of any of the NESCAC schools.

Michaane argued that our low student activities fee is the reason that many student organizations were under-funded this semester. He proposed an increase in this fee in order to improve the quality of the social options on campus. Ash added that the increase would be gradual.

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Hunter Kurtz '01, Deenah Byramjee '03, Carl Benson, and Ray Ash '02 field questions and concerns surrounding the possible creation of a student union.

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IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman'04

Hawaii teachers, professors strike

HONOLULU (AP) — Public school teachers across the state and University of Hawaii faculty members went on strike Thursday after last-ditch salary negotiations failed to produce new contracts.

The walkouts shut down public education in Hawaii, which has the nation's only statewide public school system. Some 180,000 public school students and 42,000 university students were affected, and parents of younger children scrambled to arrange day care.

"We are ready to go the full stretch," said Rebecca Wimmer, a first-grade teacher at Kamehameha III Elementary School in Lahaina, Maui. She and other schoolteachers took to the picket lines at 6 a.m.

"On Strike" signs were posted on the door of the headquarters of the Hawaii State Teachers Association late Wednesday afternoon after the state's chief negotiator left the building, telling reporters that talks had ended. The association represents nearly 13,000 public school teachers.

Three hours later, the UH Professional Assembly, which represents 3,100 University of Hawaii faculty members, announced it, too, was at an impasse.

"This is a day no one in the state wanted to see, and a day we tried very hard to avoid," Gov. Ben Cayetano said.

The last statewide public school teachers strike was in 1973 and lasted 19 days. For university professors, the last strike was in 1983.

Napster supporters lobby Congress

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — A line of hundreds of bleary-eyed, yawning college students waited outside My Brother's Place restaurant on Capitol Hill on Tuesday as part of a lobby day organized by the music swapping organization Napster.

"We didn't have to wait too long," said George Washington University freshman Kristina Pentek. "We had to come out here to support (Napster). It really gets voices heard."

Nearly 500 supporters of Napster passed through the restaurant, receiving information packets, shirts and other Napster paraphernalia before heading to the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on Digital Music and to lobby their senators to support the popular music community.

"I am a proud Napster user," said Richard Balzarianni, a Virginia native who brought his two children to the event. "I think that it is good for the kids to see legislation in action. I hope that they see that you need to stand up for the issues that you support."

Napster experienced a series of legal setbacks in its recent battles with numerous record companies. In early February, the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals ruled against the company saying that it must prohibit the sharing of copyrighted songs. The legal challenges continue, however, as the boundaries of copyright legislation governing the Internet are examined and evaluated.

Judge denies U. Michigan law school motion for stay

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman dealt another blow to the University of Michigan Law School Tuesday, denying a motion to stay the injunction he issued last week that forbids the consideration of race in admissions.

In a 10-page opinion, Friedman repudiated the University's argument that to comply with his order would endanger this current admissions season, which has been halted in the wake of last Tuesday's decision striking down the Law School's policies.

"The court's injunction is simply and easily complied with: race is not to be used as a factor to achieve a racially diverse class or to remedy societal discrimination," Friedman wrote. "The court sees no insurmountable obstacle in completing the admissions process while obeying the injunction."

Deputy General Counsel Liz Barry said the University submitted a motion to the 6th Circuit of Appeals in Cincinnati on Monday.

"We believe our policy is constitutional," she said.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Congo President fires the cabinet

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Congo President Joseph Kabila abruptly dismissed his Cabinet and suspended top financial managers, asserting control of the corrupt and inefficient government he inherited from his assassinated father.

Then Kabila embarked for Germany on a two-day "explaining campaign," aimed at "remedying the country's troubles." He met for nearly an hour Thursday with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who offered support to the new leader for his efforts to end Congo's war.

"Kabila asked us to do everything so that the aggressors leave," Fischer said, declining to comment on Kabila's decision to fire his Cabinet. Kabila was to meet later with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, and was expected to seek economic assistance and support for his war-divided and plundered nation.

Four months after his father's assassination, Kabila, 29, has courted aid from officials in Washington and in European capitals.

Milosevic's daughter faces charges

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Criminal charges were filed Thursday against Slobodan Milosevic's daughter for firing her gun during the former president's arrest, police said.

Marija Milosevic, 32, fired several pistol shots at government officials who negotiated Milosevic's surrender in his Belgrade villa early Sunday after a 26-hour siege.

Police charged her with "endangering public safety and illegal possession of arms." Traces of gunpowder were found on both her hands after the shooting, police said.

She could face up to five years in jail for an attempted murder, legal experts say, if police criminal charges are accepted by the court and she goes on trial.

Marija — the trouble child of the Milosevic family — was fond of guns and has been quoted as saying she "never left my home without a gun and a cell phone."

A police search of Milosevic's villa after his arrest found three guns believed to be Marija's, authorities said.

Standoff with China eases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The standoff with China over a downed reconnaissance plane showed signs of easing Thursday. China's ambassador called at the State Department and the White House said "we have reached a diplomatic point where matters are heavily engaged."

Even as negotiations intensified, the White House stuck to its refusal to apologize for the spy plane's collision with a Chinese fighter jet, and suggested for the first time publicly that trade ties with China would be damaged if the incident isn't resolved.

The tone of the administration's comments shifted sharply Thursday. Two high administration officials, who declined to be identified by name, said things looked brighter.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the hope was that the United States would soon have access to the American plane that China is holding along with the 24-member crew.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer characterized the U.S-Chinese talks for the first time as negotiations. Secretary of State Colin Powell, in a letter to Beijing, reiterated U.S. concern and regret for the death of a Chinese pilot whose fighter collided with the U.S. craft over the South China Sea, one of the sources said.

At the same time, Fleischer suggested that Bush's

NATIONAL NEWS

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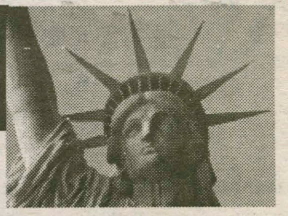

Ashcroft Advises Video Game Caution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft says video games depicting drugs and guns and excess media coverage of school shootings help condition kids to violence.

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U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft addresses participants at the American Society of Newspapers Editors convention.

For the third time in two weeks, Ashcroft spoke out Wednesday about cultural influences, including violent entertainment, that lead kids to resort to violent behavior. In a speech to newspaper editors, Ashcroft said the media needs to take responsibility for how it contributes to a "culture of violence," but he said he wasn't advocating narrowing First Amendment rights of free speech and expression.

DNA tests offered to Texas inmates

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday signed a law giving convicts in the nation's No. 1 death penalty state access to state-paid DNA testing that could exonerate them.

"DNA technology is an important tool. It must be utilized to shed light on cases where there is cause for doubt," said Perry, who had declared the issue an emergency and urged lawmakers to pass the bill right away.

The new law also requires that certain biological evidence be entered into a statewide DNA database to help solve crimes.

Republican state Sen. Robert Duncan, an author of the law, said it will give the Texas criminal justice system more integrity and make it more efficient.

The measure applies to cases where biological evidence exists and can be subjected to genetic testing and where identity was an issue at trial.

The law requires the state to preserve biological evidence that can undergo genetic testing. It also allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it was not available at trial.

Experts predicted about 30 to 50 inmates per year would qualify for the tests, which cost between $1,000 and $1,500.

Texas has the nation's most active death chamber. The state executed 40 inmates last year, the most by any state in U.S. history.

Guilty verdict in girl X trial

CHICAGO (AP) — An ex-convict who lured a 9-year-old girl into an apartment, poured roach killer down her throat and beat her in an attack that left her blind, mute and crippled now faces up to life in prison.

The girl, known as Girl X in the media, had been found unconscious with gang symbols scrawled on her body in a filthy stairwell of the city's notorious Cabrini-Green housing project. Now 13 and in a wheelchair, she testified against her attacker in court, moving her head and making eye movements to communicate.

"The heart of this case was the heart of the victim who was willing after a devastating attack to come forward and face the person who did it to her," Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine said Wednesday after a jury found Patrick Sykes, 29, guilty of predatory criminal sexual assault, kidnapping and attempted murder.

Devine said Sykes faces a maximum sentence of 120 years for the 1997 attack. A sentencing date was not immediately set.

"This is one of the most vicious things I've ever encountered in all my years of being involved in the criminal justice system," Devine said.

Defense attorney Robert Byman, who represented Sykes, said the verdict would be appealed.

"We understand that the jury was faced with a very sympathetic set of facts, a very sympathetic victim in this case and unfortunately we think sympathy was not set aside," Byman said. "That's a difficult thing to overcome."

Wang Dan speaks to a packed KJ Auditorium

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formal trials in China. "I didn't have my own lawyers. The government appointed one, and the first thing he said was, 'You're guilty,'" said Dan, using Li as a translator. "Real serious trial, huh?" he added in English.

A current Ph.D. student in East Asian History at Harvard University, Dan stressed the importance of education in the future of China, particularly in the political opposition movement. He sees the primary crisis in China as a moral one, and the solutions to that, says Dan, can only come through education. He adds, however, that the political change is the most pressing issue at hand. "Education is important, but it can't establish a political system."

In his prepared speech Dan spoke primarily about the political and economic future of China. He predicted that in the next five to ten years, massive social turmoil in China is inevitable. "Everyone knows that China will change; the question is how," said Dan.

For a model of peaceful political change, he suggested looking to Taiwan, which recently underwent a peaceful transformation to a more democratic style of government.

In order for a smooth transfer of power to take place, says Dan, China also needs a "mature, strong social opposition." The Chinese government arrested many of the party's leaders after the 1989 protests. This led to disorganization. The party's continued existence, however, provides a foundation for future political movements, according Dan.

For the party to gain strength, he encourages it to draw members from enlightened members of the communist party, as well from as members of the opposition party and independent intellectuals.

Dan believes that the Chinese Democratic Party also needs to form a clear political viewpoint and a flexible plan for running the country and find an attractive leader before peaceful political change is possible.

Change in China has happened and continues to happen quickly, says Dan. While in the U.S., most Americans are suspicious of the government, the Chinese have traditionally had a very close relationship with their government, a consequence of having to rely heavily on it in daily life.

After the Tiananmen Square demonstrations, people's trust in the government was shattered. "In most places that is a gradual process, but in China it happened very quickly," said Dan.

Dan also spoke about the United States' role in helping China become a democratic nation. He stressed that the U.S. needs to find a balance between allowing China an opportunity to develop in the international market (for example, by letting China join the World Trade Organization) while combating human rights violations. He says China's change will result not from outside pressure, but in response to the "Chinese willing China to change."

According to Dan the American media also plays a role in China's change in government. While warning members of the press to be careful of cultural difference, Dan also encouraged them to look closely at China, particularly the country's human rights violations.

In response to students' questions, Dan specifically addressed China's bid to host the Olympics in 2008. He has received criticism from other members of the opposition party for supporting China's bid for the Olympics; however, he says, it is important to distinguish between the people of China and the Chinese government. "The Chinese government is not qualified to host the Olympics, but the Chinese people are...We're the opposition party; we're supposed to protect the people's interests," he said.

Hosting the games, and the inevitable international press attention, could also help push China to become more liberal.

"Besides, things are changing so quickly, in seven years we may be the governing party. Why should we oppose ourselves?" joked Dan.

Dan also addressed China's most recent confrontation with the United States over a U.S. spy plane that made an emergency landing in Chinese territory. He sees the problem as one of communication. "The United States wants to sit down and have a negotiation. If China is not democratic, there is no chance for the two sides to have a real negotiation."

While Dan says that China cannot establish a democracy in the Western sense of the word because of the difficulty of educating and reaching the more rural areas of China, he is confident that China can achieve a more democratic style of governance in the near future. "If we perceive democracy as what happens in the United States, then it's too early for China. If we define democracy as a system that protects individual rights, then it can happen in China."

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Wang Dan autographs a flyer for Lai Lai Wong '02.

Professorship created

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton College received a $500,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacAurthur Foundation. The college will match the money two-to-one to create an endowed professorship in honor of Elizabeth McCormack.

McCormack, who currently serves as vice-chair of the MacArthur Foundation, is a life trustee of Hamilton College. She previously served as a trustee for Kirkland College and transferred to the Hamilton board when the two colleges merged in 1978.

McCormack received her bachelor's degree from Manhattanville, her master's degree from Providence College, and her Ph.D. from Fordham University. She also received an honorary degree from Hamilton in 1993, when she delivered the Commencement address.

Additionally, McCormack served as a professor, dean, and then president of Manhattanville. She then went on to accept a position with Rockefeller Family and Associates, for whom she acts as a consultant on philanthropic and educational matters.

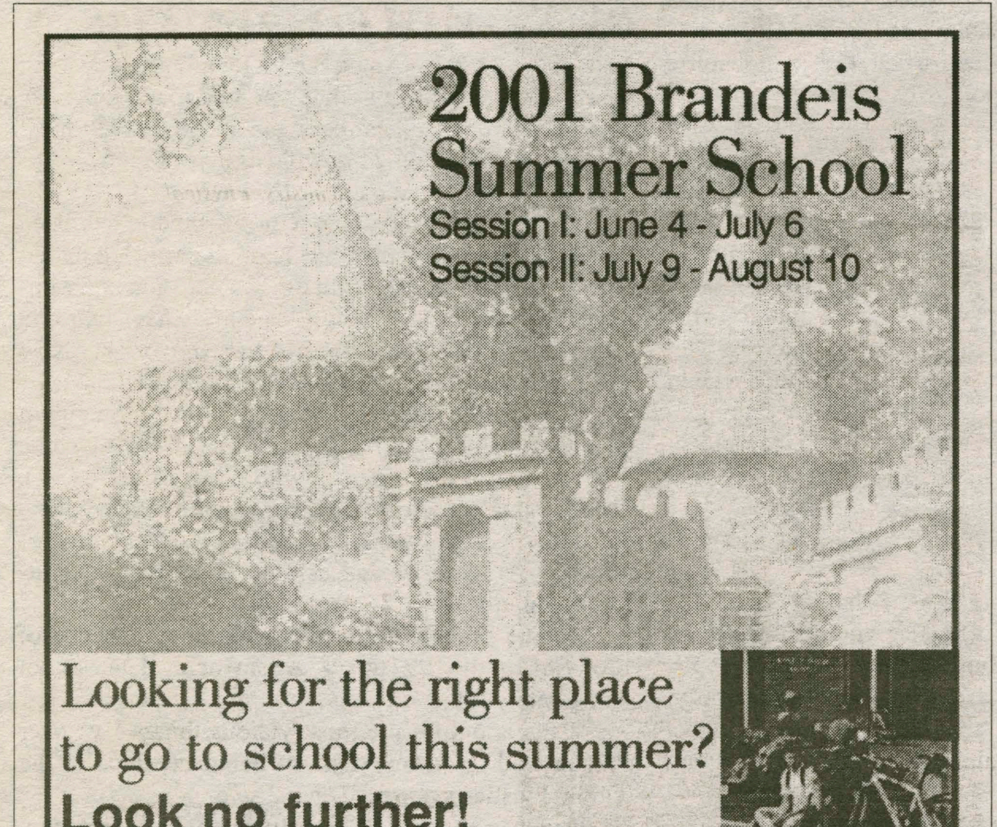
"Recognizing such a leader in American higher education with an experienced chair at the college is long overdue," said President Gene Tobin in a press release issued by the Communication and Development department at Hamilton.

Specific criteria for the position are not yet available because the college still needs to raise one million dollars in funds before the position can officially be filled.

The college will recruit funds from donors who may be interested in the position, said Director of Communications Mike DeBraggio. The money will then be invested to create a cash flow that will support the new professorship.

Student Damage Report

Date	Location	Charges	Damage Description
4/4	Bristol CC	$89.79	Sound panel pulled from wall
4/4	Babbitt Entry 1	$22.28	Clean up broken emergency lights
4/4	North Dorm	$29.93	Refasten paper towel dispenser
4/4	Griffin Rd. Apts.	$16.29	Repair toilet paper dispenser
4/3	EELLS	$62.51	Repair door adjacent to laundry room
4/3	Annex A	$78.80	Repair broken furniture
4/3	Babbitt Entry 4	$34.83	Repair toilet paper & soap dispensers
4/3	Babbitt Entry 2	$77.43	Broken light & cover in stairwell
4/3	Babbitt Entry 1	$78.38	Broken emergency light
4/3	Woolcott	$57.17	Repairs to dishwasher
4/2	Bundy East 291	$83.28	Call-in, clean up vomit
4/2	Major 3rd Floor	$27.76	Clean-up vomit
4/2	Milbank	$55.52	Clean up flood & broken lightbulb
4/2	Milbank 12	$47.97	broken light bulb & cover
4/2	Babbitt Entry 1	$27.76	Clean-up broken emergency light
4/2	Gen. Campus	$32.58	Damaged light pole on bridge
3/30	Milbank	$231.38	2nd floor toilet repair
3/30	Gym	$44.80	Repair lobby exit light
3/28	Psi U	$48.87	Broken window repair
3/28	Burke	$80.50	Repair toilet stall dividers
3/28	Carnegie	$162.90	Repair 1st floor furniture
3/28	Carnegie 308	$65.16	Repair damaged door jamb
3/28	EELLS	$211.77	Patch basement walls



Fractions revisited: Professors Kazin and Pierce re-explore student drinking habits

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

Two campus psychologists have teamed up to determine if two-thirds still equals one-quarter. Bob Kazin, director of counseling and psychological services, and Greg Pierce, associate professor of psychology, are resurveying students to learn how, and if, their attitudes and behavior regarding alcohol and drugs have changed.

Kazin and Pierce head up the research contingent of the President's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs, which first randomly surveyed more than 200 students in 1998. That survey, which told Kazin and administrators that "most of our students are doing just fine" regarding substance abuse, yielded the (in)famous "two-thirds equals one-quarter" slogan that students were inundated with at the beginning of the year. The numbers refer to the survey result that two-thirds of the student population drink just one quarter of the alcohol consumed by Hamilton students.

Kazin plans to have the results of the new survey ready by the end of this year and to start publicity as students return to campus in the fall. The goals of the project are very straightforward-Kazin and his team asked students how much they believe their peers drink, and then asked them how much they actually drink themselves. "The first time we did the survey, 75% said they believed Hamilton students drank three times a week or more. But the self-report showed that most student drink once a week or less."

This large discrepancy is an example of a social norms approach to behavior modification. "Students everywhere think there's more drinking going on than there really is. They overperceive the norm," Kazin said.

Kazin predicts that the numbers from the second survey will stay the same or decrease, as compared with the first. He hopes that the results and publicity of the first survey has helped reduce the over-perception regarding alcohol consumption and even helped to reduce actual consumption.

The point of the whole campaign, from survey questions to bookmarks (which were voluntarily placed into course texts by members of the bookstore staff), is to "focus on the majority of students to tell them they're doing just fine. What's normal here is not falling down drunk," Kazin said. "Those who drink once a week might feel they're in the minority, but we're telling them they're not."

Besides Kazin and Pierce, reference librarian Julia Dickinson, assistant in the Dean of Students Office, Regina Dischavio, and Sarah Russell '01 helped gather data for the survey. It is based on similar projects that took place at Northern Illinois University, a pioneer in applying social norms theory to collegiate substance abuse, as well as the University of Arizona, Western Washington University, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges in nearby Geneva, N.Y. The actual survey questions were written by the Core Institute, according to Kazin.

"The surveys won't cut out drinking altogether," Kazin added, "but it will help to lower incidences of alcohol-related problems."

The project, funded by the President's Office, cost $1,000 to run the survey, and $1,700 to produce the posters that advertised the survey's results.

Jesus Awareness Week (April 8-14)

Sponsored by Hamilton College Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

Sunday, April 8
* 12:00 noon- JAW Brunch Kick-Off in the third-floor Chapel- EVERYONE is welcome to come and dine with us!
* 3 pm.- Trip to an Easter Play written and directed by Denes House, IV Staff, in Marcy, NY
* 8:30 pm.- Ever wondered what a Small Group was all about? Now's the time to find out! Join 'God and My So-Called Life' in the third floor of the chapel.

Monday, April 9
* 8:30 am.- Morning Prayer in the chapel
* 12:00 noon- Prayer on Martin's Way
* 4:30 pm.- Afternoon Prayer in the chapel
* Check out daily table flyers unraveling one common myth about Jesus Christ each day Monday through Friday.

Tuesday, April 10
* 8:30 am.- Morning Prayer in the chapel
* 4:30 pm.- Afternoon Prayer in the chapel
* 9:00 pm.- Take a break and go to the "Putting Things in Perspective: a Study of Luke" Small Group. It meets in the third floor lounge of Root dorm.

Wednesday, April 11
* 8:30 am.- Morning Prayer in the chapel
* 12:00 noon- Prayer on Martin's Way
* 4:30 pm.- Afternoon Prayer in the chapel
* 7:00 pm.- Intervarsity Seeker Meeting- a 'Memorial Service' in the chapel.

Thursday, April 12 Maundy Thursday
* 8:30 am.- Morning Prayer in the chapel
* 12:00 noon- Prayer on Martin's Way
* 4:30 pm.- Afternoon Prayer in the chapel
* 5:00 pm.- Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service (with Jeff McCarn)
* 9:00 pm.- Join the "Studying the Psalms" Small Group in Babbitt 37, and invite a friend!

Friday, April 13 Good Friday
* 8:30 am.- Morning Prayer in the chapel
* 12:00 noon- Newman Good Friday Service
* 3:00 pm.- Stations of the Cross on campus- meet outside the chapel
* 6:15 pm.- Intervarsity Large Group meeting- Join us for a time of relaxation at the end of a long week. There will be a time of informal worship and discussion followed by a viewing of the 'Jesus of Nazareth' video.

Saturday, April 14
* Easter Vigil Service at church in Hamilton, NY.

Sunday, April 15 EASTER
* 7 am.- Sunrise Service in the Glen
* 11 am.- Community Church
* 1 pm.- Newman Mass

Eastern European conflict continues

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

Macedonians near the Kosovo border woke up to the sounds of explosions and gunfire on a recent morning. The formidable sound coming from the Macedonian Armed Forces silenced the regular sounds of nature. The Macedonian Army launched an assault on the ethnic Albanian rebels and began immediate mobilization of reserves. Thousands of civilians fled to safer regions, leaving their homes behind and becoming refugees.

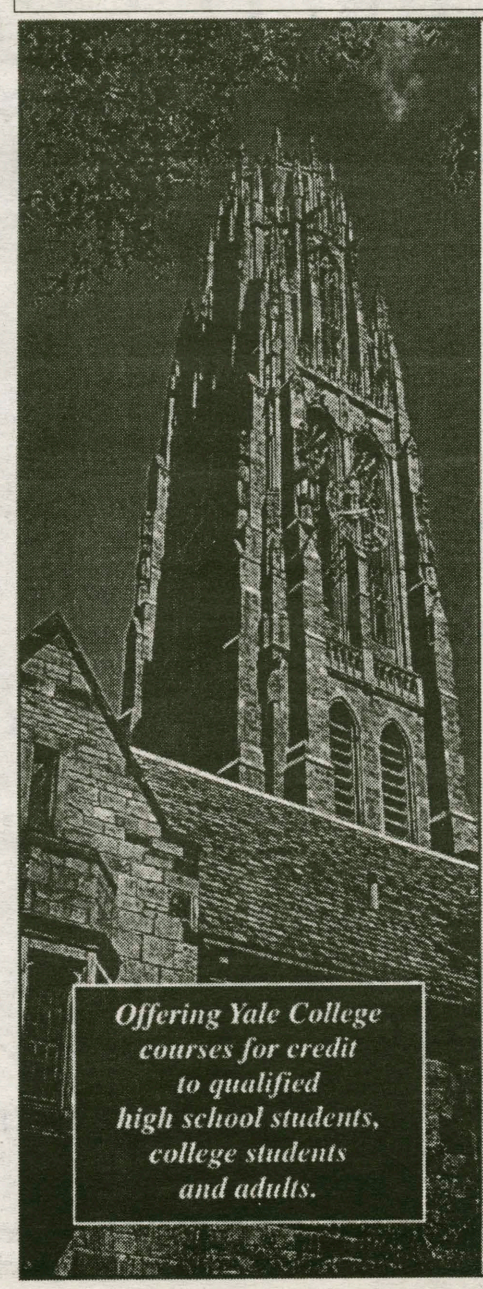
Albanian rebels stressed that they are not in fact fighting for independence, but rather for their rights in Macedonia. Rebel leaders claim that picking up arms is the only way to prove the strength of their desire for rights, as other, more peaceful, means have proved fruitless. The Macedonian government considers these actions unacceptable and accused the rebels of terrorism. Meanwhile, the eyes of the world remain fixed on Eastern Europe, wondering when this conflict will finally be resolved.

Fortunately, there is still hope for a peaceful solution. Talks between Macedonian and ethnic Albanian politicians started immediately after the fighting broke out at the border. Ethnic Albanians demand the improvement of their social life and protection against abuse. The Macedonian government insists that armed fighting cease immediately. The outcome of these conferences is hard to predict, but hopefully the sides will reach a peaceful compromise.

Conflicts in Eastern Europe have been festering for centuries. Periodically, the conflict gets out of hand. In recent years the fighting seems to have escalated to more severe conditions. The Serbian invasion of Bosnia showed that years of fighting brought nothing but death, sadness, and sorrow. When that conflict seemed to have settled down, again Serbian forces invaded, this time in Kosovo. The news media tried to show the violence and horror of this war. At the present time Macedonia is the center of conflict. The names and places seem to change, but the conflict remains largely the same: clashes between ethnic groups.

The history of these clashes goes all the way back to the empires that once occupied this land. First, it was the Turkish Empire that ruled these people; however, with Western aid, ethnic groups joined forces in an effort to end the Turkish rule and were successful in pushing the Turks back. Ironically, after the departure of the Turks, the Austria-Hungarian empireg ained power and built a similarly unsatisfactory empire. This time the West was not willing to help the people of Eastern Europe.

After World War I the victorious Allies granted independence to these ethnic groups that had been looking for it, and new states emerged. However, these states had difficulty in developing into strong, stable nations. Borders of these new states were carelessly drawn by Westerners without an understanding of the various ethnic tensions that existed. Therefore each state has minority groups that belong to historical rivals. Because of these tensions, citizens of these new states are having a hard time becoming nations. All conflicts emerging today have some connection with this past. Had the diplomats and the statesmen who delineated the boundaries been more cautious and more sensitive when they created these states, maybe Eastern Europe would be a more peaceful part of the world.



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John O'Neal, artist in residence, opens discussion through story telling

by Christopher LaRosa
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Late last week the Kirkland Project hosted this year's artist-in-residence, John O'Neal. O'Neal, renowned for his work with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the civil rights movement, presently serves as the Artistic Director of Junebug Productions, a touring theatre company that focuses on community cultural development.

Kirkland Project Coordinator Robin Vanderwall explained that the selection of John O'Neal was an extension of the fall Southern Accents series.

"The goal of the artist-in-residency program is to bring a person who has a different perspective from what is commonly found on campus and encourage interaction with all members of the community," she said.

Highlighting the importance of social activism in Kirkland Project events, Vanderwall said that O'Neal brought together activism, artistic talent, and southern interest.

Associate Professor of Theatre Mark Cryer's Acting Workshop class attended a story circle workshop. Story circles begin with students sharing individual stories and culminate with the creation of a group story.

Professor of Theatre Carole Bellini-Sharp's Dreaming and Telling class also worked in story circles. Bellini-Sharp said that through O'Neal's residency, students were able to address racial issues and tensions on campus.

On Saturday O'Neal presented an original script dealing with moral and ethical issues to the campus.

Acting Major Andy Larkin '01 enjoyed the authenticity of the character depiction in O'Neal's performance. "It was the sense of a real person, not a character," he said.

"When we bring someone like John, his life and his presence are an inspiration," said Bellini-Sharp.

Cryer said, "[O'Neal's] stories come from all kinds of people. He's a good listener, and that's where he gets his stories."

The Kirkland Project continues its Southern Accents Series on April 9 with a lecture by John T. Matthews at 4:30 p.m. in the Red Pit.

Tenured profs challenge students

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Department at Hamilton College, he has tried to orient his life around his perception of the proper role and function of a professor and "to keep learning, keep growing, and keep giving the best I can." In addition, he is currently working on two works of scholarship, including two major endeavors: "a theoretical book on the sacred in African literature and a novel dealing with dictatorship in African countries."

While basking in the glories of tenure, Mwantuali continues to keep everything in its proper perspective and astutely comments on the future of Hamilton College, stating, "We still have a very long way to go in terms of diversity."

Hamilton's History Department welcomes newly tenured Professor Shoshana Keller. Professor Keller attended Carleton College in Northfield, MN and majored in History and Russian language and literature. Professor Keller went on to Indiana University in Bloomington for graduate school, where she earned her Ph.D. During her graduate school research experiences, she traveled to Moscow shortly after the 1991 coup attempt and to the newly-independent country Uzbekistan in 1992. While conducting the research necessary for her to complete her graduate studies program, Keller became the first foreigner to work in the Uzbek Communist Party Archive. Even after gaining access, Keller struggled with the government and shared how she "had to have a terrific fight with the archival censor in order to get [her] notebook out intact - she [the censor] wanted to cut out offending passages."

During Professor Keller's time at Hamilton College, she has directed her energies toward "working closely with a number of terrific, very intelligent students while teaching courses, such as Modern Middle East and Silk Road, that have forced [her] to expand [her] knowledge of the world." She is also "working on getting [her] book finished and published."

Professor Keller aggressively seeks to "shake up students' views of the world and teach them to think critically. Most Americans think of Russia, when they think about it all, as a cold, isolated, place with a totalitarian government." Said Keller, "I want to push students to see Eurasia as a whole, not cut up into its contemporary political boundaries...It's not simple, and neither is its government."

In the midst of Professor Keller's recent tenure and unrelenting devotion to academia, she is also completing a "technical study of the development of Communist government structure in Soviet Central Asia."

Iowa Governor, class of '72, this year's commencement speaker

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town in 1987. He won easily, and by 1993 won election to the state senate.

Vilsack waged a dramatic come-from-behind victory in 1998 in his first bid for governor. He won 52%of the vote over favored Republican Jim Ross Lightfoot to become the first Democrat elected governor of Iowa in 30 years.

College Vice-President for Communications and Development Richard Tantillo praised the announcement as "an example that Hamilton graduates in the public service are doing exemplary jobs."

Jeff Krutz '01, a government major, echoed the thought, noting that "it's great to see a Hamilton alumnus who can talk about the benefits of a Hamilton education as well as talk about contemporary political issues.

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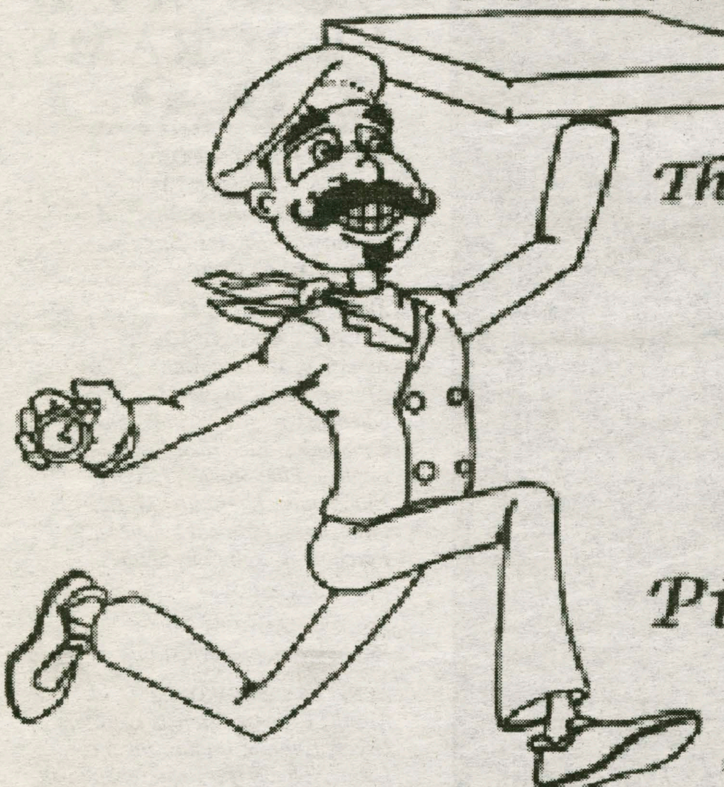

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Editorial

This year's Commencement speaker, as selected by a committee of trustees, faculty, and students, will be Hamilton alumnus and current Governor of Iowa Tom Vilsack '72. Unlike in recent years, the selection of Vilsack provides graduating Hamilton students with someone they can relate to more closely than those speakers unrelated to the College.

The selection of Vilsack represents an opportunity to start a trend that will hopefully become a mainstay-to reserve Commencement as a forum for Hamilton alumni. This way, students who are about to set out into the "real world" and pursue various career opportunities can listen to someone who has traveled the same path before. Furthermore, the speakers, such as Vilsack, will be able to more easily relate to Hamilton students, as they were once students here themselves.

Speakers known solely for their high status and who have no affiliation with Hamilton are appropriate for occasions that arise throughout the academic year. Sacerdote Great Names speakers Jimmy Carter, Desmond Tutu, and Margaret Thatcher are appropriate during the year because they serve as ways to educate students and provide outside perspective.

However, by the time we reach graduation, it is more appropriate to hear from someone who can relate to where we are coming from and the transition we are facing. Who better than a Hamilton alumnus, especially one who has effectively influenced our society, to educate our graduating class about life after Hamilton?

So, instead of selecting speakers from such a wide range of educational and social backgrounds, why not go ahead and make it policy to have the Commencement speaker be someone who has at one point or another been a part of life on the Hill? Such a policy would provide all the future graduating classes with a valuable perspective that will be pertinent to them as Hamilton graduates.

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Insights & Ideas

Gaining Some Awareness about Race

Up until the summer after my sophomore year, I believed that I was an open minded and liberal person, and I definitely did not think I was racist. Then that summer I worked at an academic camp called Upward Bound at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. There were 70 students at the camp all in grades 9-12 and all from Lynn, MA. The students were composed of almost all minorities and most of them were originally from outside the U.S. Of the 70 students, there were about five white students.

Coming from a high school and college made up of predominantly white people, I was in a whole new world. Within one week of being at the camp, my views on racism and my role in racism changed drastically. Before camp, I had seen things one dimensionally; I'd seen things in "black and white," not realizing how many layers of truth and reality there actually are.

Seth O'Bryan

Once camp began, for the first time in my life, I was a minority. Everybody saw me as "a white person", I stuck out of the crowd since the color of my skin was different from most everyone else. Of course I have always know I was a white person, but never before was I forced to think about it almost every moment of every day. No longer was it in the background of my identity, but it was the forefront of who I was. When people judged my actions or listened to my words, I wondered how much they were paying attention to what I was doing and how much they were paying attention to the color of my skin. It was something I'd never really experienced before.

So for the first time in my life, I experienced double consciousness. I saw myself through other people's eyes, and the other people around me created my identity, and rather than seeing myself for who I was through my own eyes, I was thinking about what they saw in me and how they defined me rather than me defining myself. My psyche was severely affected. Needless to say, as time passed on, they got to know me for who I was. Then we knew each other for who we were on the inside and outside and I was no longer defined by the color of my skin but for who I was as a whole.

Camp taught me to question all the truths and beliefs I held, as I realized that often times the most simple and what seem to be obvious truths are not true at all; often we miss how false the basic premises that lead to our beliefs are.

I have always been a big sports fan, especially college sports, and in order for high school graduates to play sports in college they have to get a certain SAT score, it's somewhere between 800 and 900. I thought that anybody that tried even a little should be able to score that high and I thought anybody that couldn't get that score just didn't care. The students at my camp are very gifted and very hard working; one time I was talking to some of my students and found out that they had SAT scores that were in that range. Hearing them say that woke me up.

At that moment I realized SATs are relative and bias, they are biased to the educational system you have grown up in and the background experiences you have. These were smart, hard working kids and they struggled to get those scores. Those kids are just as gifted and hard-working as most anyone from my high school. That moment showed me how unaware I was of the ignorance of my own beliefs.

I began to realize the only way to find out what is really happening and what is true, is not only to study what is in front of you, but to look for what's not there, to look for what's missing. Often it's discovering what's missing that will lead you to figure out what is really going on.

One example of this is to think about the movie business. Almost all the critically acclaimed movies are movies with mostly white casts, that most of the "famous" actors and actresses are white, except for supporting cast members. I think of how often a "minority" is cast in the lead role of a big name movie.

Then I carry that thought over to looking at who the people are that run this country, from politicians to big business men, and I see some trends regarding race, class, sexual preference, etc, and it makes me wonder about what is really going on. Not only do these people control policies and what happens in the nation but these people control media and they have a large influence on what we think and what truths we hold.

Some people would argue that this isn't really related to racism; I used to think I wasn't racist because I thought that everyone was equal in my eyes. What I didn't realize is that one way I did identify people was by their color and that a person's color affected my thought process. In the society we live in, it's nearly impossible to avoid it. At the moment that thought occurred to me, I realized that it would be a constant battle to undo all the falsity and prejudice there is in the things I think. In order to free myself from racism I've been taught, I must constantly question the source of the thoughts that run through my mind.

The United States has this ideal that we are a nation of equality which implies equal opportunity. But many students don't have the same opportunities that people from my old high school have to attend college. Students from my high school work really hard to go to the best colleges; my students have to work just as hard just to go to college at all.

My students are just as gifted, only their educational background is not of the same caliber, the quality of their high school is not at the same level. These students have to succeed despite both their educational background and the racism they face, and more and more I realize just how much injustice exists in our world today. All the same, I learned so much that summer, and I wonder just how different the world would be if more people had the experience I did.

Thumbs Up

- Reliving the good old days in the North basement lounge.

-Awakening to the delightful chirping of birds one morning this week.

- The possibility of a snow-free graduation.

- Did somebody say kickball?

- Watching the Saved by the Bell episode in which Jesse Spano is addicted to caffeine pills.

- Nomo No-hitter.

- Sink the eight ball, chug a beer.

Thumbs Down

- The shrinking crowd at the Pub on Senior Night.

- Awakening to the obnoxious chirping of physical plant trucks backing up every morning this week.

- Eating garbage.

- The ruthless price hike on 30 'stones from $9.99 to $10.99.

- Crying through the Saved by the Bell episode in which Zack and Kelly break up.

- Trying to find a job that doesn't suck.

Who Cares?

- That the fitness center lobby smells like crayons.

- Major League Baseball has begun. Great.

- Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

- No more snoccer.

U.S. and China in bitter negotiations

On Thursday afternoon, President George W. Bush made the first step in improving U.S. - Sino relations by offering regret for an incident involving a US spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet.

Bush said, "I regret that a Chinese pilot is missing, and I regret one of their airplanes is lost, and our prayers go out to the pilot, his family." Bush's comments are his first since Tuesday; however, they fall short of the apology that the Chinese government is requesting.

JP LeBlanc

For those of you living under a rock, current relations between the United States and China are sour, to put it mildly. On April 1st, a US spy plane collided with a Japanese fighter jet over international airspace, forcing the US plane to make an emergency landing on the Chinese island of Hainan. Unfortunately, the Chinese plane crashed into the South China Sea and the pilot of the plane, Wang Wei, is presumed dead.

Fault of the crash has not been determined, though the Chinese government claims that the US plane turned abruptly. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Connecticut, has stated that the Chinese pilot was playing "an aggressive game of aerial chicken."

This comes at a critical time in President Bush's term, as he was to decide later this month whether to approve a Taiwanese request for the United States to supply it with advanced weapons and strategic defense systems.

China believes that Taiwan is a renegade province, and that the sale of weapons to Taiwan is a direct threat to the Chinese Government, and would expand its military if the United States does in fact do so.

To further complicate matters, in March U.S. - based scholar Gao Zhan was detained and accused of harming China's national security. However, the United States was angered by the detention of her husband and five year old American son, Andrew, who were released after 26 days. Gao, who is a researcher at American University, is still in custody.

The United States has not issued a formal apology, and Bush's Thursday comments are probably as close to an apology that China will receive. The United States should not issue a formal apology. To do so would be accepting legal liability and moral responsibility for the incident.

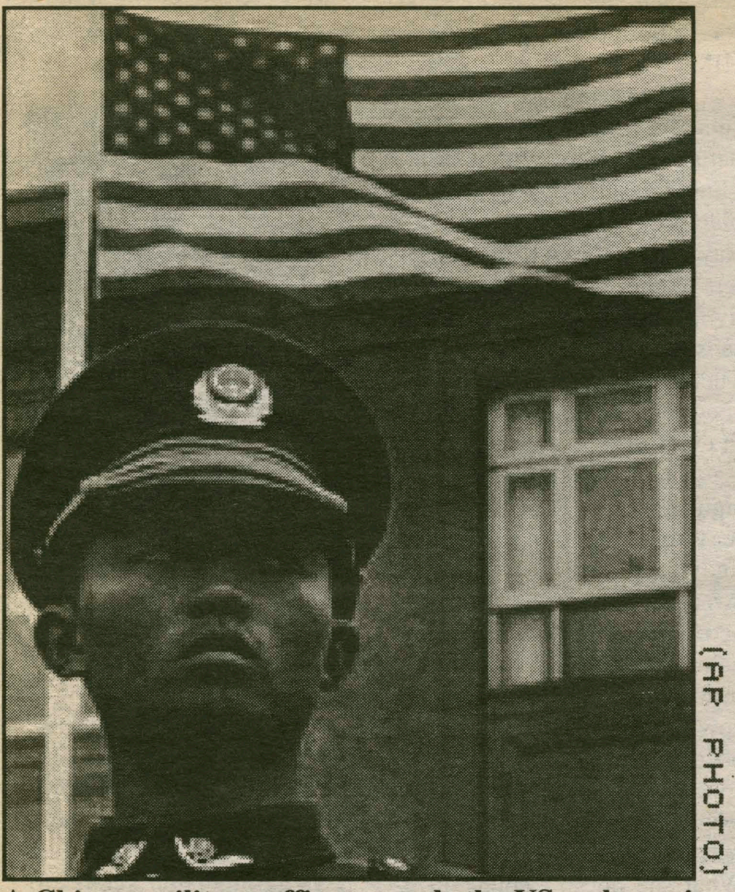
Bush does have an obligation to get the 24 troops back to US soil safely and as soon as possible. The Chinese government wants to detain the crew until an investigation is complete, although further detainment could escalate the incident into a hostage crisis. Further speculation says the Chinese government is detaining the troops so it can study the US spy plane and inspect US technology, although US government officials have stated that the crew destroyed most of the espionage equipment on board.

However, Bush should not take such drastic acts as imposing trade restrictions, ending US - China military exchanges, or deciding against a Presidential trip to Beijing to meet Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

To do so would surely hinder any aspirations of narrowing the political and cultural gap between China and the United States.

China's potential as an economic and military power is unmatched, and to burn any bridges with such a nation would be a poor move on President Bush's part.

But by softening his stance on Thursday, President Bush has placed the burden of negotiations on the shoulders of the Chinese government. If China reciprocates President Bush's softened stance, then hope for a peaceful coexistence between the two world leaders looks bright.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A Chinese military officer guards the US embassy in Beijing where protestors gathered on Thursday.

Poor Allocation of Funds

I have a serious problem with the allocation of funds at Hamilton. I don't understand how this school could possibly charge $34,000 per year per student (that comes to over $57M, and yes, I know that not everyone pays that much), and add that to the annual endowment (what was it? $200M?), and still be unable to fund basic student activities. Why did Student Assembly only have $109,000 to distribute to all student organizations this semester, when budget requests totaled over $185,000, CAB included?

Allison Courtney Fitch

When Untitled At Large applied for funding to purchase an adequate keyboard/synthesizer for last semester's production of Company, the item was stricken from the itemized budget on the grounds that the music department should have something we could borrow. Here's the problem. The music department doesn't have anything we could use, but moreover, I couldn't get them to loan us a $15 trumpet mute.

It's ok, though, we padded our budget (because we know you have to if you have any intention of funding your activity at all-you never get everything you ask for). And so, even though Student Assembly stipulates that we may not spend money on things that are not allocated, we cut from other areas to fund the new keyboard that we desperately needed. Our musicians bought necessary trumpet mutes and other auxiliary musical items with money out of their own pockets, and we put on a fabulous show.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a phone call from Lisa Magnarelli on behalf of CAB in which she indicated that she needed to borrow the keyboard for the Second City show. I acquiesced.

Shortly thereafter, Bryan McGrath of Residential Life contacted me, as they needed the keyboard for the gong show. Here's my problem. I'm happy to let them use our equipment (Untitled's board and my personal amplifier). But we were denied funding for this equipment in the first place, as it was deemed unnecessary and obtainable from other sources. Can we rent these items out?

It seems presumptuous for a student-run organization to demand a fee for the use of our equipment, but if we were denied funds for said equipment in the first place, I don't see how we can afford to loan it for free.

I now understand the music department's hesitating to lend materials to other departments; it's hard enough to obtain items in the first place. Now I want to purchase a protective case for the keyboard (which at the moment resides in its original cardboard box in a marginally-climate-controlled locker in the Annex), since apparently it travels all over campus, but my hopes aren't too high at the point.

So we don't have the money to adequately fund student organizations. Ok. Someone please tell me, then, why the college finds it acceptable to print large, colorful, glossy posters extolling the statistic that 77% of Hamilton students don't drink and drive?

Besides the fact that this indicates that 23% (just under 400 students) DO drink and drive, and that if we all decided to do that on the same night it would be absolutely catastrophic, I don't understand why a school so concerned with image would want to advertise its inadequacies.

I don't know who's heading up this coalition against substance abuse, but whoever you are, you need to understand that it's a fruitless endeavor. Students take these posters off of walls and bulletin boards so that they can display them in their rooms and toast them with cheap beer. Those cups and COCKTAIL napkins from last semester were a hot commodity for the Class and Charter Day festivities. Your campaign is a joke. How much time and money are you spending on it?

Here's something else that's bothering me. I applied to Hamilton when tuition was $32,000/year. Does this mean that by the time I graduate I'll be paying $36,000? Financial aid doesn't adequately account for tuition increases; if anything, students receive less money after their freshman year, sometimes for no other reason than that Hamilton isn't competing with other schools for students' business.

There are lots of wonderful things about Hamilton College, and I love attending school here. It is a beautiful campus with talented, devoted faculty and staff, and I know that all of that costs money. I'm not a conspiracy theorist, and I don't think that individuals profit from what I perceive to be a bizarre imbalance of funds. However, I am curious as to where this money goes.

It seems to me that with the interest from the endowment alone we could afford to bring big-name bands and other forms of entertainment to revive the community enthusiasm that many believe is so lacking. I would love to see the school's itemized budget for this year. I can't imagine why it isn't made readily available to students. If anyone could help me out, my name is Allison Courtney Fitch, class of 2003, Babbitt 25e, x2403.

Ask someone from the Hamiltones why their last CD was entitled $57.20. Someone please tell me where the rest of this money goes. I'm still waiting for a satisfactory answer.

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Arts & Entertainment

Farrelly Brothers Fall Flat with *Say It Isn't So*

by Hannah Stahle '03
A$E WRITER

Say it isn't so that I spent $6.50 to see this movie. With expectations that this movie would be up to the Farrelly brothers' usual standards, I was amazingly disappointed. The plot is utterly awful and so implausible that the movie loses every ounce of validity that the first three minutes worked so hard to define. The off-kilter humor that was so popular in *There's Something About Mary* is completely lost in this movie; all the stabbings, strokes, and bee attacks that should have been funny were simply grotesque and fell flat.

Say It Isn't So stars Chris Klein as Gilly, an orphaned young man who, while searching for his mother, falls in love with Jo Wingfield, played by Heather Graham. After a few bad haircuts and the loss of an ear, Gilly and Jo, two equally sweet and dim-witted characters, agree to get married. They consummate their relationship that evening, only to find out that Gilly and Jo are brother and sister. From here the whole plot swings out of whack as Jo returns to her ex-boyfriend and Gilly, ostracized by the entire town of Shelbyville, Indiana, is forced to work cleaning up road kill. Soon, although not soon enough, we find out that a mistake has been made–Gilly is not Jo's brother after all–and he vows to win her back.

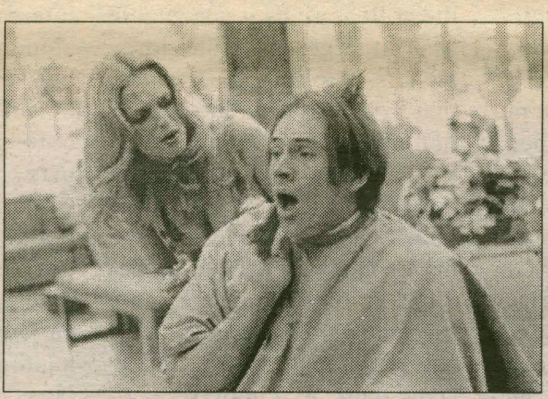
Suddenly, the plot begins to plummet as Gilly realizes that he is wanted as a sex offender and must devise a rather unfortunate and hairy disguise to avoid detection. After a couple kidnappings, a few hundred bees, a stint in an asylum, an amazing fluency in Spanish, and a compromising situation with a cow, Gilly convinces Jo that they are not related and eventually wins back her heart after almost an hour and a half of pure agony.

One major flaw in the movie is that Chris Klein's character Gilly is so likeable and genuine that it is hard to find humor in all the horrible situations he must endure. Gilly doesn't actually do anything, but he is forced to react to absurd situations, usually with a blank stare and a dumbfounded expression. And just when you think things can't get worse for this poor guy, he is either once again humiliated or actually pushed down a rocky cliff. Both situations are difficult to watch, and I found myself quite frustrated at Gilly's perseverance. Klein's acting is of the same caliber as the movie, and his character is simply maddening.

Heather Graham is in much the same situation. She probably took this role hoping to win the fame that Cameron Diaz got from *There's Something About Mary*. Unfortunately, Graham's character is not at all three-dimensional, and although her acting is quite good, Jo ends up being an annoying, flighty blonde. Strangely, Sally Fields also appears in this movie as Jo's mother, a completely atypical role for her. I can only assume that Fields either was in dire need of money or signed the contract without reading the script. I hope, for her sake, that I am right.

Perhaps the only redeeming point in the movie, and perhaps redeeming is too strong a word, is Orlando Jones's character, Dig, a paraplegic airplane pilot who befriends Gilly and helps him straighten out his messy situation. As funny as his 7-Up commercials, the scenes containing Jones were the only moments in the entire movie in which anything resembling laughter came from the audience. It is hard, however, to rationalize the price of admission for these humorous moments, since they are so few and far between.

Say It Isn't So definitely does not rival *There's Something About Mary* in any way, and it is honestly quite painful to watch. I dare say that this movie may not even entertain the middle school crowd at the Sangertown mall, and for a Farrelly brothers movie, this seems quite unfortunate. I recommend simply renting *There's Something About Mary* to relive the humor that is so obviously lacking in this new movie. *Say It Isn't So* is a complete waste of time, and even from *King Lear*, perhaps the most depressing story ever, can one derive more humor and enjoyment than from this movie.



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Heather Graham and Chris Klein are star-crossed lovers in the Farrelly bros. comedy romp *Say It Isn't So*.

Someone Like You is a cliché comedy

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Based on Laura Zigman's novel *Animal Husbandry*, *Someone like You* is a humorous look at the emotional crisis a woman goes through after a break-up. First she blames herself, then she blames external forces, but ultimately she blames HIM.

Jane Goodale (Ashley Judd) is a disillusioned Manhattan career girl with a struggling TV show. She has completely given up on men until Ray Brown (Greg Kinnear) enters as the show's new executive producer. Smart, funny, and sensitive, he is the perfect guy. Their attraction is apparent, and six weeks later they are moving in together.

But just as they are about to sign the lease, Ray backs out, leaving Jane homeless and heart-broken. During her sweatpants phase, she comes across an article on the mating habits of bulls, and so comes into being her "new cow/old cow" theory. She also gets to observe the lowest of all male species, her womanizing colleague Eddie (Hugh Jackman), when she moves in with him. What she doesn't count on is falling in love again. At the same time her obsession with this research prompts her best friend, publishing executive Liz (Marisa Tomei), to offer her column space. Jane accepts under the pseudonym of Dr. Marie Charles, a 65-year-old psychologist. Little does she realize that this article is going to become an overnight sensation! Ironically enough, Jane is left with the job of getting "Dr. Charles" on her TV show.

And so it goes. *Someone Like You* tries to offer a humorous, quirky look at a subject which, quite frankly, has been overdone. Most of the time the film falls flat on its face, one reason being that Judd is very temperamental.

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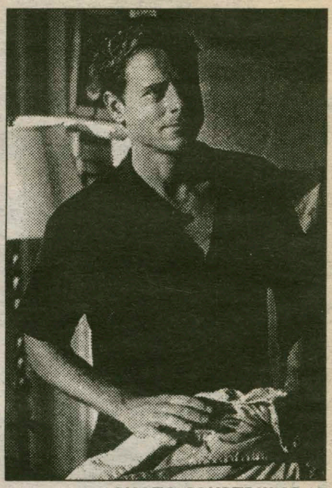
Ashley Judd and Hugh Jackman hit it off in the romantic comedy *Someone Like You*.

She sparkles in some scenes, and in others she comes across as whiny and annoying. Definitely not a plus!



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Kinnear gives a lack-luster performance in *Someone Like You*.

Relatively unknown Jackman is charismatic, and the chemistry between him and Judd is amazing. Their scenes together are definite high points in the film. Both Kinnear and Tomei come up short-changed.

This film could have been extremely funny with a tighter screenplay and more developed characters. The cast is excellent, and this film could actually have succeeded where recent others have not. All in all, it has a different twist and was fun to watch.

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Hamilton Spring Dance Performance in Wellin Hall

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Department of Theatre and Dance will stage its annual Spring Dance Performance on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The concert will feature "To the stars now" and "Open Passage, no. 2," two original works by visiting assistant professor Tresa Randall; "Kutambarara," an original work by guest choreographer Ron Thiele; and "Paquita," a restaging of a classic work by guest choreographer Nancy Long. Original works by student choreographers Sara Bencivenga '01 and Kelly Moran '02 will also be on the program.

Tresa Randall, visiting assistant professor of dance, will present two new works. "To the stars now" is a solo performed by the choreographer and features the folk music of Nick Drake. The contemporary movement style is meditative, yet physical and three-dimensional.

"Open Passage, no. 2" occurs in a dream-like world with a set constructed by David Hayden and music by Sheila Chandra. The nine dancers, all students from the Theatre and Dance Department, explore pathways that bring them in and out of contact with each other through movement.

Both works feature lighting and set designs by David Hayden. In his dance "Kutambarara" guest choreographer Ron Thiele worked with the dancers at Hamilton to create a piece in which the dancers build a sense of community and celebration of dancing.

The ballet "Paquita," staged by Nancy Long, had its premiere at the Paris Opera in1846 with choreography by Marius Petipa and music by Ludwig Minkus. It was originally a two-act ballet about a Spanish Gypsy and her love for Lucien, a French nobleman. This performance includes a portion of the divertissement that is most often performed throughout the world today.

Tresa Randall is a 1993 Hamilton alumna. She received her master's degree in dance history from the University of New Mexico, where she published a thesis on the choreography of modern dance pioneer Hanya Holm. Randall performed professionally with a number of companies nationally, including *Mark DeGarmo and Dancers, Bill Evans Contemporary Dance Company, Robert Stivers Dance,* the *Santa Fe Opera,* and *Santa Fe Dance Theatre*. She was active for four years as a choreographer and dancer with the acclaimed collective *Dancing: One Soul*, and produced an evening of original choreographic work, *Webs of Motion* (1997). Her choreography has also been featured by the *Park Avenue Repertory Dance Company, Moving Exhibitions, Santa Fe Dance Foundation, New Mexico Dance Coalition,* and *Turner Carroll Gallery*.

Ron Thiele worked for 30 years as a principal dancer, teacher, choreographer, and co-artistic director with *Oakland Ballet Co.*, CA. With his mentor, teacher and founding artistic director, Ronn Guidi, Thiele helped to build *OBC* into a company internationally renowned for its Diaghilev era reconstructions, American masterpieces, and emerging works of contemporary artists.

Nancy Long is in her nineteenth year on the Faculty at Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, where she also serves as dance program coordinator. Long began performing professionally in 1974 throughout the United States and Europe in companies based in New York City and Los Angeles. She appeared as a guest with the *Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, José Limón Dance Company, Washington Opera Ballet Company* and on a PBS-TV special about the 1980 Spoleto Festival. Ms. Long "retired" from performing to pursue teaching and choreographing at Hamilton College ('84-'85) and MWPAI, and in 1983 she co-founded the *Utica DanceWorks, Inc.* She lives in New Hartford with her husband Dick Loomis and their two daughters, Ali and Casey.

Tickets for the Spring Dance Performance are $5 adult, $3 seniors and students. All seating is general admission. For reservations or for more information, call the Hamilton College Performing Arts ticket office at (315) 859-4331.

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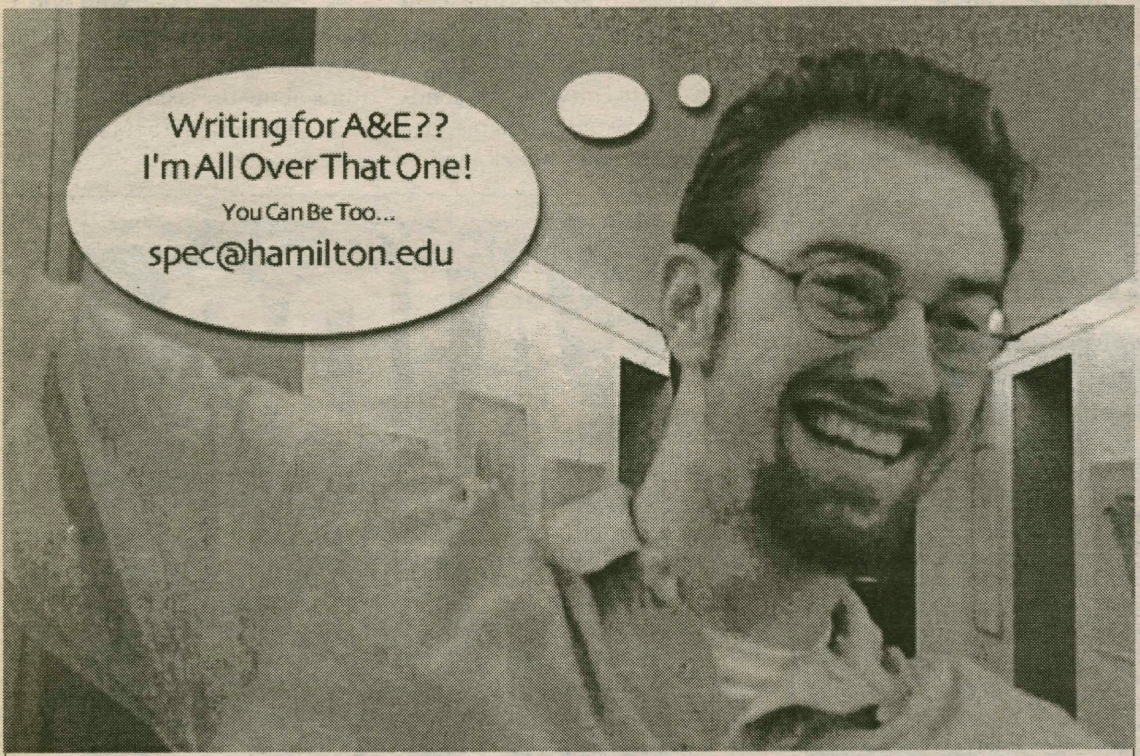

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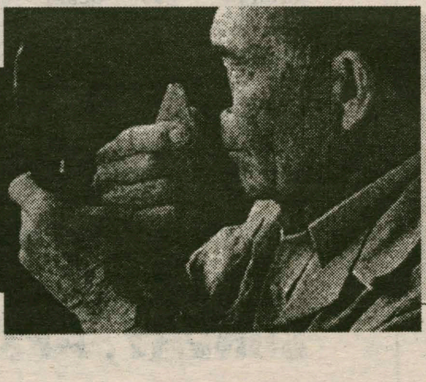

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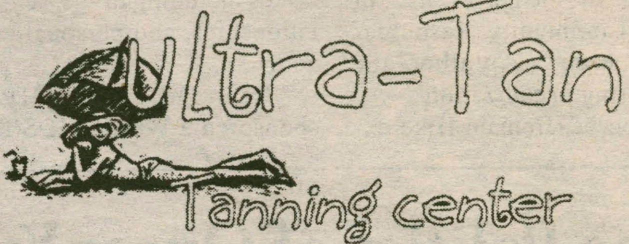

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Features

AIDS Hike, awareness returns to the Hill

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

AIDS and college students. They are not topics often associated with each other, but the third annual AIDS Hike for Life merges the two on April 29, along with the opportunity for education, outreach, and community building.

The hike begins at 11 a.m. that Sunday, with registration commencing at 10 a.m. The Hike committe has named Gene Tobin, college president, and Raplh Eannace, Oneida County executive, honorary co-chairs.

"We have so little connection to AIDS and AIDS discussions," said Hike steering committee member Josh Conklin '01. "Getting involved in the Hike effort is a really good way to change that."

Registration information is available in Beinecke Village, or by calling 1-800-475-2430. Although the Hamilton housing lottery takes place the same day as the Hike, this should only affect a small number of juniors, and all students are encouraged to not let the lottery deter them from participating.

"This Hike will be different than other years, because we're getting more people involved," said Wil Murtaugh, director of special events for AIDS Community Resources of the Mohawk Valley, the sponsoring organization.

Proceeds from the Hike, expected to exceed $25,000, will benefit ACR's Teen AIDS Task Force, an outreach program that brings education and awareness to area high schools.

"Hamilton is really reaching out to bring in more people from the Mohawk Valley. There are more teams from the area, and more high schools involved. The issues surrounding AIDS seem to be more pressing in people's lives." Murtaugh said.

More than 10 student organizations have already formed teams, and organizers hope more individuals and campus teams sign up soon.

"I think it's important that Hamilton students support this endeavor because their particular age group, under 25, has such a high risk of infection. The hope is that with more prevention efforts we undertake, the more knowledge people have, hopefully the lower the infection rate will be," Murtaugh said.

"I think it's important to combine the AIDS Hike with as many other student efforts that occur as possible," said Krystyn Schmerbeck '02, a Hike organizer and certified Hamilton Peers Educating Peers counselor, a student group trained to facilitate on issues including drugs, sex, relationships, and personal concerns.

Last December, HPEP sponsored a World AIDS Day effort on campus, complete with ribbons, informational brochures, and a speaker. Schmerbeck also led a HAVOC effort at the Utica branch of ACR, which included adopting a client for Christmas. Volunteers raised almost $100 and were able to purchase slippers and other clothing for the ACR client.

"Students might not think AIDS directly affects them, but it is directly tied to safe sex and using condoms, something all students should be actively aware of," she said. "And the Hike is an excellent time for awareness to go hand in hand with helping those who have AIDS. It's a deadly epidemic."

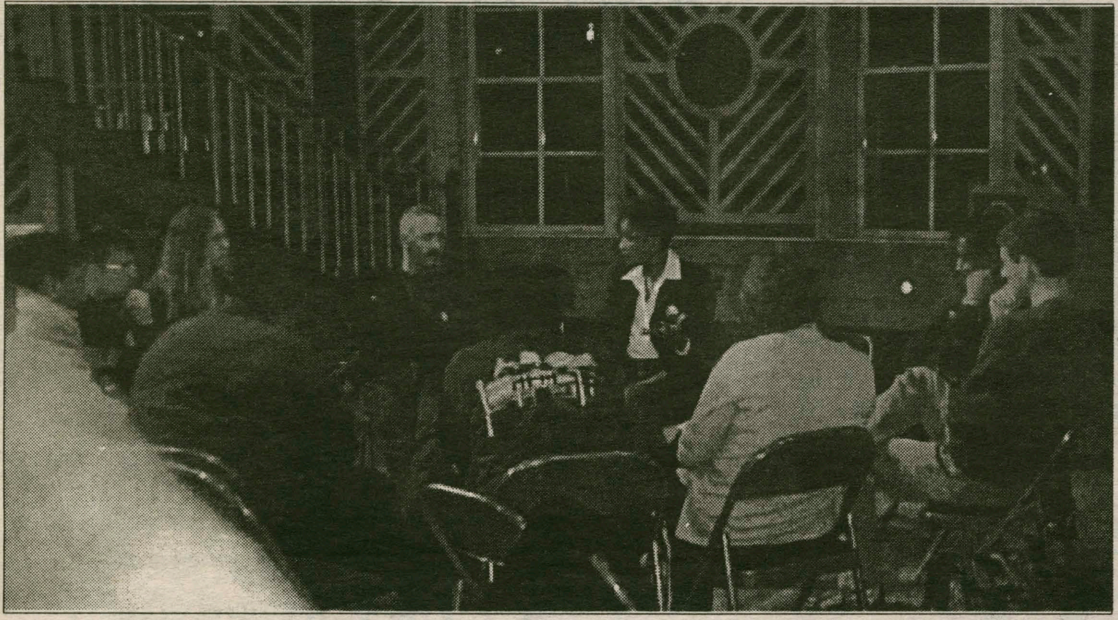
Colgate University is sending several student teams, according to Schmerbeck, and is also hosting the AIDS Quilt on Mon., April 16. Organizers hope that students from other area high schools and colleges will join the growing ranks of Hike participants.

"Even for those who don't participate in the Hike, the hype surrounding it forces you to think about the issues," Conklin said. "Our main goal is to educate people."

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

Krystyn Schmerbeck '02 and Josh Conklin '01, AIDS Hike for Life committee members, gather in front of posters they hung to advertise the event. Other committee members include Jeannine Murtaugh, Wil Murtaugh, Andrea Cecchinato '01, and Steve Guditus '01. The Hike is co-sponsored by AIDS Community Resources and the Class of 2001.

The Politics of Queer Youth Advocacy



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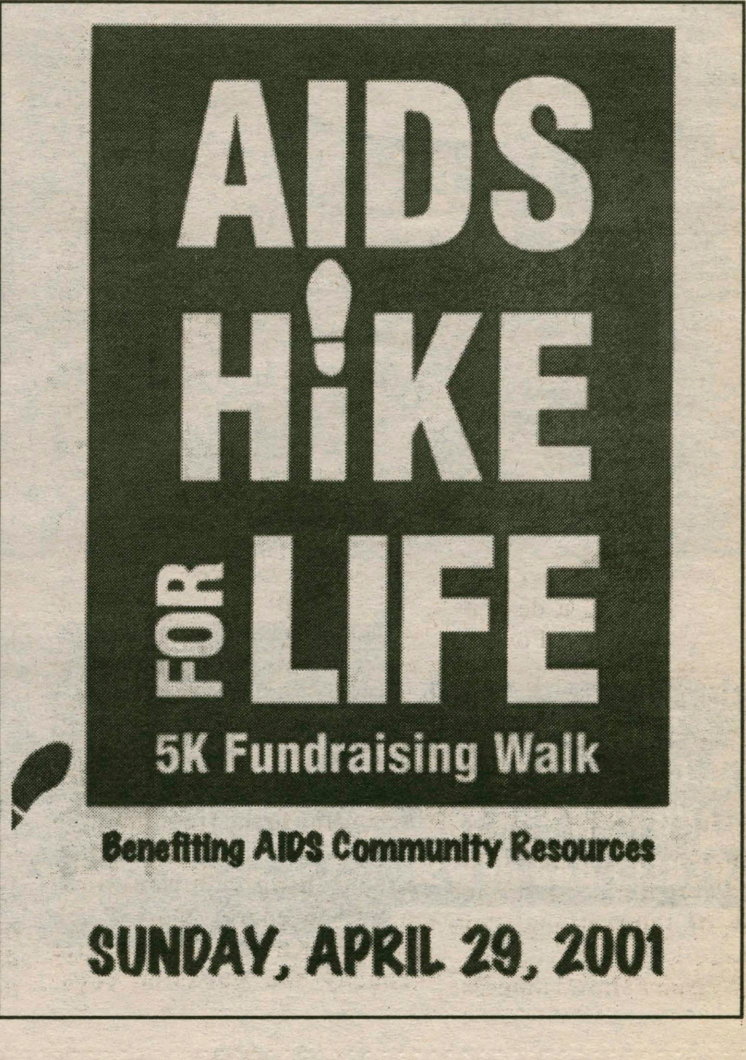
The Rainbow Alliance, coordinated by Keithley Woolward '01 and Cynthia Fadem '01, presented Celebrate Sexuality Week April 2-7. A cozy group gathered in the Events Barn last night to hear from Verna Eggleston, executive director of the Hetrick-Martin Institute. The Institute is the largest national organization serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer youth.



Louisa Smith, Justin Stein named Watson Fellows

This article is the first in a series highlighting Hamilton fellowship and scholarship winners. If the Watson, or any other fellowship, is of interest to you, application deadlines are in October; now is a great time to begin thinking about a project and to get in touch with Ginny Dosch at vdosch@hamilton.edu.

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WROITER

Question: "What would you do if you could go anywhere in the world for one year and pursue a project of your own devising?" Answer: Become a Watson Fellow.

For the third consecutive year, Hamilton students were among the recipients of the award, chosen from a thousand applicants attending top tier liberal arts colleges across the country.

Hamilton winners Louisa Smith, a candidate for May graduation, and Justin Stein, who graduated in December, will be able to pursue their interests, do independent research in a foreign country, and, ultimately, "take stock in themselves, test their aspirations and abilities, and develop a more informed sense of international concern," as stated by a press release on the Watson program published on Hamilton's web site.

The program itself waas created by the children of Thomas Watson, Sr., cofounder of IBM, and his wife, Jeanette K. Watson, to honor their parents' love of world affairs and education.

"Watching the students work constantly reminds me that life isn't a straight line. They are going to do things they never imagined when they entered college."

Each Watson Fellow receives $22,000 for one year of study and travel. They are chosen based on character, leadership, interest in other cultures and expanding their knowledge, as well as on the creativity and significance of their individual projects.

According to a description of the Watson Foundation, students are given "time in which to explore with thoroughness a particular interest, to test their aspirations and abilities, to view their lives and American society in greater perspective, and to develop a more informed sense of international concern.

Watson Fellows immerse themselves in cultures other than their own for an entire year." The possibilities are endless; there are no restrictions or limitations on ideas for projects.

For Louisa Smith, the fellowship means talking to art brokers, dealers, artists, museum curators, collectors, and auctioneers and visiting art galleries, art auctions and fairs.

Her project, entitled "A Globalized World: An Analysis of the International Art Market," will examine the current structure of the international art market, explore the ways in which it has changed over the years, and understand its place in a globalized world.

"I hope to understand the market mechanics of the art markets and to investigate and learn how culture and globalization have affected them," Louisa says of her project.

"It fuses my two majors (studio art and economics), and seeing art work from around the world will be very inspiring for my own painting. I am particularly excited to learn about the art markets that have experienced rapid development in the last few years and to carry out the proposal and learn about the international art market first hand."

Louisa, a senior from Duxbury, Mass., says she has been interested in painting all her life, a passion inspired by a painter from her town and trips to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

For Louisa, the most rewarding part of the process has been the research she has done toward her thesis.

"The more supporting literature I read for my proposal, the more excited I become about it and the more I want to go to these places to learn things first hand," she says.

While she acknowledges that both working on the fellowship while keeping up with class work and traveling alone in a foreign country for a year will be difficult, Louisa is excited about the prospect of realizing her proposal.

Justin Stein, who graduated in December with a degree in philosophy, put a unique spin on his topic of the power of healing: how commercializing healing affects the actual practice.

His proposal, "From Dharma to Dollars: The Commercialization of 'Universal Energy,'" outlines a study of "different practices in which the concept of universal energy can be channeled to heal," according to the Hamilton web site. Stein plans on researching acupuncture, hands-on energy work (such as Rei Ki and Therapeutic Touch), and Kundalini yoga. By traveling to India, Thailand, and China, Justin plans on interacting with a variety of people who have diverse concepts of healing and energy and comparing these attitudes across cultural boundaries.

Ginny Dosch, student fellowships coordinator, worked closely with both candidates this year, as well as those in previous years.

"Working with students on a variety of different interests and curiosities makes it compelling work," she says of the experience. "For Justin, practicing different forms of healing and tying that to things involved in his philosophy roots put an interesting twist on ancient healing rituals and how connected they've become.

"Louisa was able to weave combined interests in painting and economics into an international project. They both have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pursue these interests and the unmatched opportunity to learn about the world and themselves."

The process of researching material, creating a proposal, and applying for the fellowship is long and tedious; selection involves both a nomination from the college and competition on a national level.

The first step is to identify and clarify ideas students have and examine them closely to see if they might be viable pursuits for the fellowship.

"It's a lot of hard work," Dosch acknowledges, "and I have a lot of respect for students willing to undertake these challenges; it makes working with them incredibly satisfying.

"Most of the awards students pursue are highly competitive, and not everyone is going to win. However, students' disappointment with not winning is often mitigated by their feeling of recognition of the value of the process they endured. Hamilton students make this unusually satisfying work because they are a group of dedicated, talented, curious students with a vision for their lives, and it's exciting to watch because of the high level of competition and the wonderful things that come out of it.

"My experience here has affirmed my belief that there really are rewards to risk-taking, making realistic pursuits, and saying, 'I'm willing to put myself out in the world,'" Dosch claims. "Watching the students work constantly reminds me that life isn't a straight line. They are going to do things they never imagined when they entered college."

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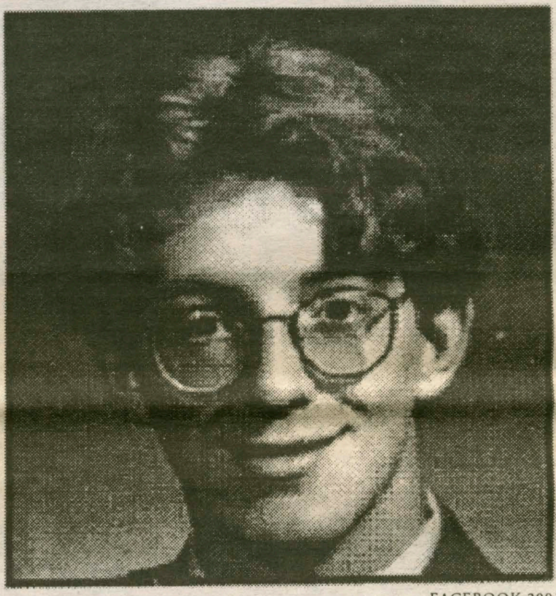

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Louisa Smith, left, and Justin Stein, above, have been named Watson Fellows. The fellowship allows them to travel abroad for one year to pursue an independent reseach project. Smith's project concerns the global art market, while Stein will study the commodification of traditional healing rituals.

Check out fellowship and scholarship opportunities online at http://www.hamilton.edu/academics/fellowships/postgraduate/premain.html

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The Science Page

Alum in Geology: Jim Grant '00

by Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

Hamilton has graduated another scientist. Jim Grant '00 returned to the Hill yesterday to talk with current Geology students and professors about his research in Iceland. Several of the students at his talk, with whom Grant was an undergrad here only last year, were amazed to see how the first eight months of graduate school have catapulted him into more advanced levels of geology.

PHOTO BY SAM EVANS '01

Jim Grant '00 uses a map to make a point.

"Is this what happens when you go to grad school?" asked senior Sarah Hall jokingly, in awe of her friend-turned-colleague's ability to fluidly discuss complicated geological ideas.

Grant gave a presentation on the work he has done in the first stages in his pursuit of a Masters Degree at the University of Idaho. Gaining notoriety early in his career, Grant presented the same material last fall at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco. He won the outstanding student award presentation in the field of tectonophysics.

Grant studies a series of formations in southwestern Iceland. His research focuses on tension fractures that result from Iceland's unique location on the mid-Atlantic Rift. Tension fractures are narrow, chasm-like openings in the ground, some as deep as ten meters. His main goal is to figure out what processes are working to create these fractures.

Iceland sits on the boundary of two continental plates that are gradually moving away from each other. Molten rock beneath the plates fills the gap and rises to the surface, cools, and forms the land mass known as Iceland.

The plates are still spreading today on the order of millimeters per year, and the dynamic earthscape makes Iceland a prime target for geological research. In many ways Iceland is a natural geology laboratory because so many other surfaces along the mid-Atlantic ridge are submerged under thousands of meters of ocean.

One effect of the spreading zone beneath Iceland can be seen above ground as massive elongated fissures of open rock, dubbed tension fractures. Earlier research has suggested that the fractures are caused by regional processes, but Grant's data thus far points to a smaller, more local set of factors. He will return to Iceland this summer to gather more data and to meet up with the Hamilton group of geology students that will also be conducting field work there.

After the talk Grant chatted informally with his advisor, Geology Department Chair Barb Tewksbury. A few students who were still milling about watched in awe as Grant and Tewksbury discussed questions of mutual interest, speaking in highly technical terms and using hands and arms to illustrate geological dynamics in three dimensions.

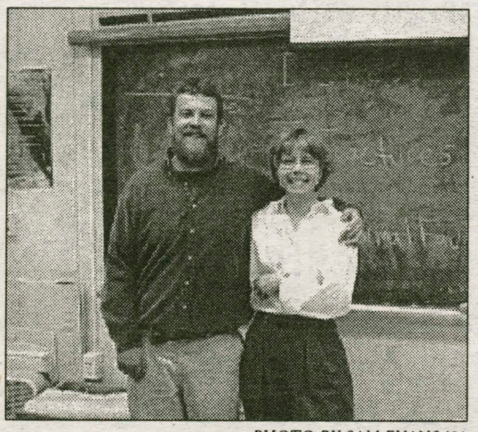

PHOTO BY SAM EVANS '01

Student and advisor reunited.

Gekonge, Festin attend nat'l cancer conference

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

Biochemistry Professor Stephen Festin and senior Betsy Gekonge '01 attended the 92nd annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) last month in New Orleans. Their mission was to learn about the latest developments in cancer research and to present their research to an international community of scientists and physicians.

Their project, which addressed the role of a protein called alpha-fetoprotein on estrogen receptors, began informally in the spring of 2000, when Gekonge began working with Festin to learn cancer research techniques. Estrogen is a key hormone that interacts with specific receptors to mediate a host of important biological processes.

Their collaboration continued over the summer as Gekonge and Festin investigated the effects of alpha-fetoprotein on the growth of breast cancer cells. Their research stemmed from studies by the American Cancer Society which showed that having children before age 30 reduces a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

Because the fetus produces alpha-fetoprotein, Festin and Gekonge set out to discover a connection between the peptide and the suppression of tumor cell growth.

With collaboration from Elizabeth Guancial '01 and associates at Albany Medical College, Gekonge grew breast cancer cells in estrogen-rich cultures and then treated them with a diluted form of alpha-fetoprotein to observe any effects in the growth rate of the cells. After four different tumor cell lines were tested, Gekonge found that the peptide suppressed the tumor cell growth to different extents.

In some cases cell growth was suppressed, and in other cases, it seemed that the peptide had no effect on the growth rate. Although Gekonge says that it is difficult to reach a concrete conclusion, it does seem that there is some type of connection between the addition of the alpha-fetoprotein peptide and the signaling of the pathway associated with tumor cell growth.

With this evidence in hand, Gekonge and Festin, who is a full member of the AACR, arrived at the convention center on Saturday to find, as Gekonge said, "a mind boggling amount of people." More than 6,000 people attended the annual conference to detail the latest efforts in clinical and basic cancer research.

Festin, who attended Albany Medical College before becoming a post-doctoral fellow at the National Cancer Institute, said that the convention was "a forum for scientists to come together to share ideas." He added, "As the convention provides the opportunity for collaboration and the development of new ideas, everyone is really there to cooperate."

PHOTO BY SAM EVANS '01

Professor Festin supervises Gekonge's research on the biology of cancer cells.

Each day, the conference began with a sunrise session of lectures and ran until five. The conference consisted of two poster sessions a day, each containing roughly 500 posters of projects done in various labs around the world.

There were also multiple sessions of mini-symposia, which were fifteen-minute lectures on various breakthroughs in cancer research, and multiple sessions of more in-depth thirty-minute lectures on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer.

Professor Festin attended many of the lectures and noted that the three areas of cancer research that are changing most rapidly and offer the best hope for a major breakthrough are the integration of bioinformatic techniques, research on angiogenesis, and tumor immunology. Bioinformatics is the use of computers to catalog and process massive amounts of information about biological processes. The scientists who mine the databanks of the human genome are the first pioneers in bioinformatics.

"There are about three billion bases in the human genome," Festin added. "Knowing the sequence is not enough. We must be able to apply it."

Gekonge, who is interested in immunology and how the immune system interacts with pathogenic agents, says that the highlight of her trip was the presentation of her poster. It was included in the poster session on Sunday, and for four hours she had the opportunity to answer questions and speak with scientists interested in her work.

As one of the few undergraduates who attended the conference, Gekonge was thrilled to have the chance to interact with many prominent scientists.

"I got a chance to talk to people I'd read about while doing my research, she said. "I actually met a pioneer in alpha-fetoprotein research. It was amazing to have scientists specializing in the field asking questions about my work."

Gekonge's experience made her more open-minded about her career in science, and she even received advice on graduate studies from some of the experts.

Although the amount of information at the conference was perhaps overwhelming at times, Festin and Gekonge had a wonderful trip and even got to enjoy some warm weather.

"It was very interesting to see how things were all coming together and that all cancer research is contributing to one goal," Gekonge added.

Of the overall experience, Festin said, "It is inspiring to look at how many people work hard on these areas of research to share ideas and learn." Although it was intense, Gekonge said the experience was "a great opportunity to see how different avenues in science work together. I can't put a price on the experience."

Baseball drops three straight

Wesleyan pitchers silence Hamilton's bats

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

In the wake of an extremely cold and snowy winter, even by Upstate New York standards, no one is feeling its effects more than the Hamilton baseball team.

Seeing that it is already nearing the end of the first week of April and the baseball field is still covered in snow, much like the rest of the Hamilton campus, the chances of a Continental home game this season are fading rapidly.

Even if the snow does finally melt, efforts to give the field the proper facelift it needs in order to at least be an adequate playing surface could be futile, especially with the team's final home game scheduled as early as the 22nd.

Yes, it appears that out of the 28 games on the Continental schedule that the number they will play at home will be roughly zero.

Furthermore, the sloppy outdoor conditions have prevented the Continentals from even practicing outside, save for on the lacrosse turf.

Thus, the team is unable to properly prepare themselves for game situations such as throwing off a mound, fielding a ground ball on grass, or batting against a pitcher from an elevated position.

Understandably, these weather-induced dilemmas have caused extreme frustration among the entire team and give their opponents a certain advantage even prior to the first pitch.

"Its frustrating for all of us not to be able to practice on a real field and having to travel all the time," said Coach Mike Davis. "I don't see our field being ready before the end of the year because of the winter we had."

"The fact that we haven't been able to practice outside since the spring trip makes it tough for the hitters to get their timing down," added outfielder Charles Spiliotis '03. "And playing at home is just easier since with traveling its tougher to get up for a game after being on a bus for four hours."

These both seemed to be factors last weekend as the team traveled to Wesleyan to play its first NESCAC games as members of the league.

While the pitching and defense showed signs of improvement the offense was unable to produce as it had in Florida thanks to cold weather and the aforementioned lack of outdoor practices.

This resulted in a series sweep by the more prepared Wesleyan squad, by scores of 6-2, 15-2, and 8-2. The two runs per game for the Conts were way down from their spring trip average of six and a half per game.

"Not being able to practice outside puts us at a huge disadvantage," said second baseman Brett Zalaski'03. "We have to re-adjust our swings every time we play a game since we're used to swinging inside. Also, its tougher fielding since neither the indoor floor or the lacrosse field turf can compare to taking ground balls off a regular baseball field."

Of course, Wesleyan played a larger part than the weather in sending the Continentals to a 2-9 overall record.

Known as being one of the more powerful teams in the NESCAC annually along with the likes of Amherst and Williams, the Cardinals put on an impressive display of both timely hitting and solid pitching in gaining the sweep of the Continentals and improving their record to 10-3-1 on the season.

In game one, which was the front end of a double-header last Sunday, Hamilton captain Steve Guillette '01 had his best outing to date on the mound as he held Wesleyan to six runs, just three earned, over 5 and 1/3 innings in what was a seven inning game.

However, the Continental bats were silenced by the Cardinals' Dave Vanech, who pitched a two-run, three-hit gem in picking up his third victory of the season.

After being dominated in the second game on Sunday 15-2, the Continentals kept it close on Monday in the series' final game as Matt Marsallo '01 held Wesleyan in check for five innings until the flood gates opened in the sixth and the Cardinals pulled away for an 8-2 victory.

The Continentals managed only two runs on four hits, picking up both runs after the outcome had been all but decided in the ninth inning.

Coach Davis insisted that aside from the middle game, however, the games were closer than the scores might indicate.

"It's a game of inches, and Wesleyan's balls seemed to fall right on the line while many of ours were caught thanks to some great defensive plays by them. Other than the one blowout we played fairly well. Marsallo had a good outing although he got a little tired and Guillette pitched pretty well. Defensively we were much better, we only made four errors, one of which was by a pitcher. And again, this was our first time outside in a while."

Zalaski attributed much of the Continentals' offensive struggles to good Wesleyan pitching, "They threw a bit harder than most we saw in Florida and had a lot more curve to their breaking balls. But we should get used to it because this is what we're going to see the rest of the season against these NESCAC teams."

The Conts were scheduled to play an out-of-conference game at Syracuse (one of their designated homes away from home) versus Cazenovia on Wednesday but were unable to do so since it would mean missing classes for a second day that week.

The travel confusion continues this weekend as the Continentals play three "home" games against another NESCAC powerhouse in Amherst, with home this time being two hours away in Siena.

The first two games are on Saturday, with the finale scheduled for Sunday.

Hopefully, as the weather begins to slowly warm up and the snow continues to melt it will make practicing outside, if not actually playing home games, a possibility.

Meanwhile, all the Continentals can do is hope that their bats will perform similarly to the weather-heat up enough to melt away all their travel-weary frustrations.

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Quick start to women's outdoor season

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the women's outdoor track and field team competed in the West Point Invitational and got the season off to a good start in the non-scoring meet.

In an intelligent move by coach Ellen Hull, the team decided to go south last weekend where it would probably be warmer than farther north where the team usually has its first meet of the season.

As luck would have it, all of the upstate meets scheduled for last weekend were canceled. "The temperature was in the 50's and it was overcast most of the day. Although not ideal conditions, they weren't bad compared to what we've had on campus recently," said Hull. "It was an enormous meet with 47 schools and 1,200 athletes, but it was also pretty well run. West Point has a beautiful campus and track and I'm considering taking the team back next year."

Leading the way and continuing their success from NCAA's were Maggie Hanson '02 and Kate Nelson '01.

They finished first in their respective events, the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs, with times of 10:01 and 17:48.81, and their times were good enough to qualify them for the NCAA Championships in late May.

Hanson commented on Nelson's performance, "At first, the meet was overwhelming. We didn't know how we would fare against Division I schools like Yale and Columbia. But Kate's big win in the 5000 meters at the beginning [of the meet] instilled confidence in the team. It was great to see her blow the competition away like she did, but I'm sure she would have appreciated someone a bit closer in the race."

She finished 40 seconds ahead of the second place runner.

Hull added, "The week before the meet many people on the team were a little anxious about competing against big schools like Yale, but after the meet got started people relaxed a little and the meet went pretty well."

Also having very good meets were Tricia Kowalski '03 and Anna Arnold '04.

Arnold finished twenty-fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.73 seconds while Kowalski finished twenty-third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.92.

In the 1,500-meter run Jen Cammarano '03, co-captain Emily Hill '01, Elizabeth Guancial '01 (in her first meet back since a stress fracture), and Becca Walker '02 finished eighth, 31st, 42nd, and 49th.

Hull said about Hill, "It's great to see her returning to her old form."

Hill added, "With over 1000 athletes competing there were numerous heats for each event. In the 1500 for example, there were 23 runners just in my heat. While the 5:00 am wake-up was tough, once we pulled onto the campus and saw the beautiful track facilities and all the schools that were there, I think everyone felt a little adrenaline rush to be running at West Point and competing against these Division I and II athletes."

In the 800-meter run Amanda Chase '03 finished twenty-third with a time of 2:25.87 while Andrea Stroud '03 finished 12th in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:11.67.

In the 200-meter dash rookie Larissa Hopkins '04 finished 42nd with a time of 30 seconds while Jane Taylor '04 finished 54th with a time of 31.41 seconds.

Hopkins, along with Kowalski, Arnold, and co-captain Cristina Freyre '02, made up the 400-meter relay team that finished tenth with a time of 53.55 seconds.

Tomorrow the Continentals travel to Rochester to compete in a quad meet against the University of Rochester, RIT, and SUNY Oswego.

Hull said about tomorrow's meet, "Oswego has a good team and should test us. Rochester's got a nice track and it is usually pretty strong while RIT has a pretty small team."

Hill added, "The meet at Rochester should be a good opportunity to improve on these times [from West Point]. The invite is much smaller, only four teams are competing, so Hamilton has a valid shot at placing high."

Nelson agreed, adding "We're all looking forward to the chance to improve upon our performances at Rochester this weekend, in the hopes of sunshine and warmer temperatures, and to see how our team score will stack up against our regular competition."

Tomorrow will be a good chance for the Continentals to get used to competing on an outdoor track since they have not had much access to the outdoor track here at Hamilton due to the inclement conditions. As the weather improves the team hopes to have a great deal more access to the new outdoor facilities the College has provided.

More focus will be on maximizing team scoring opportunities while getting people qualified for the championship meets starting in three weeks (NESCAC's, NYSCTC's, and NCAA's).

Although it will be individual runners who qualify for the championships, the team must run well as a whole in order to give the most people an opportunity to record the times necessary to qualify.

Next week the Continentals will see the University of Rochester and RIT again at the UCAA Championships at Union College.

Hamilton Crew finishes strong at Knecht Cup

by Caitlin Foley '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's and women's crew teams successfully completed their first spring competition at the Knecht Cup on the Cooper River in Camden, NJ last Saturday.

The men's varsity four crew paved the way, and had Hamilton's best finish of the day. They came in second in their heat and qualified for the finals.

They then when on to win the silver in the finals, finishing closely behind Vassar College. The boat consisted of captain Steve Larson '03, Ian Lawson '03, Andy Magoun '03, and Adam Schayowitz '03.

Captain Reid Anderson '02 was the coxswain. The squad was happy with their first race of the season and is anxious to meet the teams later on in the season.

"Racing against Dowling and Vassar gave us a good idea of what the competition will be like at States," said Magoun. "Now that we know what we need to work on we can hopefully improve our second place finish."

Due to some boat damage that occurred on the trip to New Jersey, the women's varsity team was forced to row in an unfamiliar boat.

They overcame the problem, finishing second in their heat. Mimi Barrett '02, coxed the crew of captains Denise Yerger '01 and Beth Hayes '02, along with teammates Johanna Carroll '03, Kristen Dilner '04, Liz Lamdin '03, Kim Payne '04, Kate Wardwell '03, and Sarah Williams '04.

It was the first time that the complete boat had rowed together. The women's lightweigt four boat failed to qualify for finals. Two people had to switch to port side due to injuries, and this affected their performance.

Coach Joe Bilyea was very pleased overall with Hamilton's first regatta. "Considering the fact that we haven't rowed in a week, the kids did amazing!" Bilyea commented.

The competition at the Knecht Cup gave the Continentals a preview of the rest of the season. They will look to resume their regular water practices that have been delayed due to snow.

Bilyea said, "The only schools that can beat us are schools that have been on the water. Vassar has been practicing for two weeks on the water now."

Novice coach Karen Glowacki was also pleased with her teams' performances. The women's novice four boat missed qualifying for finals by only one second.

The men's novice crew was forced to compensate for the women's damaged boat, the "Millenium," by sharing theirs. As a result, the men had to switch to a starboard stroke right before the race.

The crew consisted of four new members and considering that it was the first time that they had rowed together, it was a good first run.

"The men's novice eight can only improve for the next race," said crewmember Will Fuhrman '04 of his boat.

The frustration that the snowy weather has brought the Hamilton crew team has not slowed them down.

They continue to train and prepare using alternative practices.

Bilyea said, "Once we get the chance to practice some speed work we will be much more competitive."

Until then, the teams will have to settle for indoor practice as they look forward to this weekend's regatta against Bates, WPI, URI, and Mass. Maritime.

The competition is scheduled to take place at Worcester, MA on Saturday. This is subjective to change pending water conditions.

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SAAC honors Hamilton's finest

One student from every team recieves award

Hundreds of events around the nation will mark April 6, 2001 as the 14th annual National Student-Athlete Day.

On this special day, we honor student-athletes and the network of parents, coaches, teachers, and school systems that make it possible for young people to strike a balance between academic and athletic achievement. The day, established by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, is co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

On Thursday April 5th, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) co-sponsored an event with the Department of Athletics to honor Hamilton's own outstanding scholar-athletes. A total of 28 students (one from each of Hamilton's 28 varsity athletics teams) were honored in The Hub at Bristol Campus Center at a special luncheon attended by the student-athletes, their coaches, and some of their favorite professors. The recipients of the award maintain an outstanding cumulative grade point average and make a significant contribution to their team.

PHOTO BY STEVE JAYNES

These 28 student-athletes were recently recognized on the national level for their outstanding acievements both in the classroom and in their individual sports.

These 28 people truly exemplify what it means to be a successful student-athlete, and they will be profiled on posters around campus over the coming weeks so that the community may learn more about them and how they have managed such accomplishments.

The luncheon was a great event and a terrific step in the direction of meeting one of the main goal's of SAAC, to improve communication and interaction among athletes, coaches, and professors.

Indeed the 28 recipients of the outstanding scholar-athlete award are proof that it is possible to be dedicated and loyal to both the academic and athletic arenas.

They have displayed tremendous dedication and hard work to successfully juggle academic and athletic endeavors and deserve the admiration and congratulations of the Hamilton community for their perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to goals, and general pursuit of excellence.

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Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Chris, Jim, or Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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Women's LAX stuns #4 William Smith

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and I had a lot of confidence in her," praised Hollands. "She has kept us in some games that we shouldn't have been in and she was a very important part of the win."

Asrican is third in the UCAA in save percentage, a ranking that is sure to improve after this game. William Smith and Hamilton were equally skilled.

They are evenly coached and similarly prepared. The two teams even practice in similar conditions.

This game came down to heart. Hamilton out-hustled William Smith, picking up 43 groundballs to William Smith's 22.

Not only did they beat the Herons to the ball, the team was able to use an effective transition game to convert those groundballs into points.

The game saw defenders Dovi, Bruce and Atherton taking the ball down the field, and attackers Wakefield and Mosely playing incredible defense.

Wakefield leads the team and the UCAA in groundballs, and picked up eight against William Smith.

Hollands attributed the win to the play of the entire team prior to the game. "Preparation was almost more important than the game for this win," Hollands commented.

"Everyone contributed to practicing different situations and pushed each other to play more competitively. Though many people did not play in the game, everyone on the team was an important part of the win."

One of the highlights of the game came with only ten minutes left to play. Bardenett raced down the field, weaving in and out of defenders, and was able to feed and open Helena Marin '03 for her first collegiate goal.

The goal assured Hamilton the lead, and gave Marin the confidence to play even more aggressively.

Hamilton's win marked the team's first win over William Smith in over twelve years.

"Very few teams come into games against William Smith knowing that they can and will win," commented Hollands. "That was the difference between this year and last year. Last year we didn't know our potential."

Though Hamilton has already defeated its toughest conference rivals, William Smith and Cortland, every game is important.

On Wednesday they face Nazareth, who made an Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA tournament last year.

"Our goal remains to win every game from now on," commented Hollands. "We should finish this season 13-1."

Rangers' offense struggles; Nomo no-hits O's

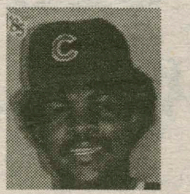
MATTHEW R. OLNEY

The Thad Bosley Files

In only one week of games, the 2001 Major League Baseball season has produced great excitement . Carlos Delgado of the Blue Jays hit three home runs in a game against the Devil Rays on Wednesday. Roger Clemens captured the American League all-time strike out record on opening day. And of course, Hideo Nomo of the Red Sox threw a no hitter against the Orioles. More important than these incredible individual feats, however, are the trends that are beginning to form around the league.

The Texas Rangers are not producing the runs that many expected, and it is not the fault of Alex Rodriguez's slow start. Rather, it is the production of Texas's lead-off hitter, Rusty Greer. Plagued by injuries nearly his whole career, Greer is finally healthy and hitting in front of some of the American League's premier hitters. His job is to get on base, but he is not setting the table. He is hitting .200 and his on-base percentage is a mere .333.

Those numbers need to climb if he wants to keep his job at the lead-off spot. If Greer fails to get his on-base percentage up to .375 in the next few weeks, look for manager Johnny Oates to try Ruben Mateo in that spot.



The Philadelphia Phillies are undefeated through their first three games. They are getting good production from Doug Glanville, Bobby Abreu, and Scott Rolen. But in order to continue their torrid pace, they will need more offense from Pat "The Bat" Burrell.

As their fifth hitter, Burrell needs to drive in more runs and strike out less. In only three games, he has eight K's and one RBI.

Their pitching has held up surprisingly well thus far. They got a good outing from youngster Bruce Chen and their bullpen has pitched better than the Braves'. However, their closer, Jose Mesa, is a time bomb waiting to explode. He has already balked in a run to blow a save opportunity and has allowed five hits in only three innings pitched.

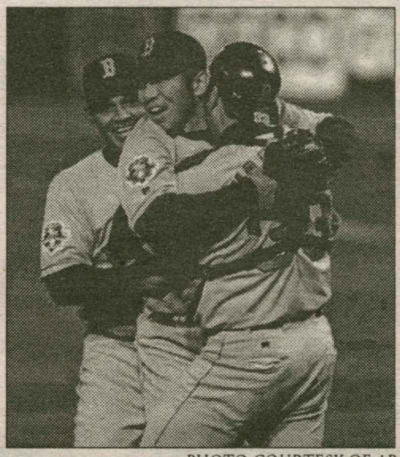
Another surprise has been the Montreal Expos. I am convinced that Montreal's three-four-five combination of Jose Vidro, Fernando Tatis and Vladimir Guerrero is one of the best in baseball.

Vidro will get 200 hits for the second consecutive season, Tatis will hit 30 HR's and 100 RBI's, and Guerrero, if he took a few more walks, could be the first hitter since Ted Williams to hit .400. On top of that, he will hit over 40 HR's and 120 RBI's. Not bad for a lowly Expo.

Finally, while Nomo's no-hitter may have solved some of Boston's pitching questions, their hitting woes have continued into the 2001 season. Though it is still early, the Sox do not have one player hitting over .300, and as a team, they are hitting .143.

Manny Ramirez has been injured, Nomar is out for at least ten weeks, and who knows where Carl Everett's head is. However, the real problem lies in Manager Jimy Williams. Jimy, what are you doing with my beloved Red Sox?

Williams has taken the liberty of re-working the Red Sox line-up, to the dismay of many. Veterans Jose Offerman and Dante Bichette began the season on the bench, and Bichette's agent has indicated that Bichette wants to play elsewhere. Williams has told Bichette that he plans to platoon him in the DH slot with players like back up catcher Scott Hatteberg. Hey, I don't blame Bichette for wanting a trade. He is a solid hitter who has the potential to hit at least 30 HR's and 110 RBI's.



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Hideo Nomo celebrates with teammates after throwing his second career no-hitter.

Jimy Williams is a great manager at making something out of nothing. He brought the Sox to the playoffs in 1998 and 1999 with Garciaparra and Pedro Martinez as their only premier players.

However,General Manager Dan Duquette has gone out and bought a number of solid players, so Williams no longer has to rely so much on lesser-known players.

Jimy, I beg you. Play Bichette and Offerman because they will produce. Pedro is no good if his team cannot score runs. If he continues to lose 1-0 and 2-1 ballgames, I wouldn't be surprised if he too asks for a trade. He has the ability to be the greatest pitcher the game has ever seen. But he won't be able to perform to his potential with the Red Sox if they don't start putting runs on the board.

One Shining Moment

by Jim Driggs '01 with Jim Mc Carthy '01
SPORTS WRITERS

March is my favorite month of the year for a few reasons. I was born in March (March 26, 1979 to be exact, the day Bird played Magic in the NCAA championship game), spring begins and the snow starts to melt in most areas of the country, and most importantly the NCAA tournament begins.

The NCAA tournament is the pinnacle of the college basketball season. Records are discarded and teams start anew with one goal in mind, to cut down the nets on a Monday night in early April.

There is nothing comparable to the NCAA tournament, nothing even close. It is the most exciting sporting event in the world.

What other tournament lasts over three weeks, has 64 teams competing for one champion, is totally unpredictable, and is filled with immeasurable excitement?

The NCAA tournament is about survival. It is about winning and moving on. It is about upsets and Cinderella stories.

It is about the Ivy League beating the Big East. It is about fulfilling childhood hopes and dreams.

It is about accomplishing goals that have been set at the beginning of the longest season in intercollegiate athletics.

This past weekend the two of us were fortunate enough to take part in the Final Four festivities in Minneapolis to see Maryland, Duke, Arizona, and Michigan State play for the National Championship.

It was an unbelievable weekend. Not only did we see two great games, but we also had the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the top coaches in the country.

You name 'em we saw 'em. Bill Self, Bobby Cremins, Bill Walton, Al Skinner, Steve Lavin, and even TV commentator Bonnie Bernstein were just a few of people we saw or met.

The Final Four is a unique experience. It can be interesting to see the coaches in a casual atmosphere where they can relax and be themselves.

Much of the days are spent hanging out in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel.

Coaches stand around and discuss their seasons with old friends, while fans gather hoping to offer a quick "hello" to their coaching idols.

Many sports related companies host parties for fans and coaches to eat, drink, and have fun.

We were fortunate enough to attend parties sponsored by Reebok, Sports Illustrated, and the Five-Star basketball school.

The day before the games, all four teams hold a practice open to the public.

These practices are only 50 minutes long, they give the fans a more intimate look at their favorite teams.

At the end of practices the players usually put on an informal dunk contest that delights the crowd.

One dunk in particular, a 360 degree display of pure athleticism by Michigan State's Jason Richardson, will forever be etched in our minds.

Saturday found people eagerly awaiting the first tip off. Fans from the participating schools arrived and filled the local bars with their school colors.

On this Saturday we happened to plant ourselves in a bar that was filled predominantly with Maryland fans that were obviously virgins to the Final Four experience.

Their raucous and incoherent cheers made it clear they had never been "there" before. It was like witnessing a child on his or her first Christmas morning.

The first game featured Michigan State and Arizona. Arizona totally dominated the game at both ends of the floor, and constantly capitalized off MSU turnovers.

The second game saw two ACC teams playing for the fourth time of the season. Duke-Maryland was developing into an Ali-Frazier type epic.

Duke had won two out of three during the regular season but all the games were very close.

On Saturday Maryland jumped all over Duke right from the beginning by taking a 22-point lead mid-way through the first half. Once again, however, history repeated itself.

Duke dominated the second half and eventually the Blue Devils managed to win by 11. The championship game was filled with a great deal of emotion.

Arizona's coach, Lute Olson, had lost his wife Bobbi Olson to ovarian cancer on New Years day. Since then his team had played as if it were on a mission.

They wanted to win for Bobbi. Once again Duke proved to be the dominant team down the stretch as they went on to win 82-72 thanks in large part to Mike Dunleavy's 18 second-half points.

Finally, we thought we would end with a few words of advice if you are fortunate enough to attend next year's Final Four in Atlanta. First, stay in a hotel that is within walking distance of the dome because cab fares can be steep, just ask Coach Byrnes.

Secondly, bring binoculars because good seats are hard to come by.

Lastly and most importantly, don't scalp your tickets. You just never know who is buying them from you. Oh, and Bonnie Bernstein is even hotter in person.

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Hamilton wins numbers game

#13 Women's Lacrosse defeats #4 William Smith

by Lauren Reynolds '02
Sr. Sports Editor

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Sarah Bardenett (#7) protects the ball against a defender in last weekend's UCAA contest.

A new Hamilton lacrosse team walked out onto the turf at William Smith on Wednesday.

They walked with an air of confidence, experience under their belts and the hearts of champions. They left that field with an 18-13 win over the fourth ranked team in the country.

Hamilton took the lead early, with a goal from Kristen Engster '01 in the first two minutes of play. Two minutes later, the Herons answered back with a goal of their own.

Three quick goals from captains Sarah Gloo '01, Caty Wakefield '01, and attacker Adrien Mosely '01 gave the Continentals a commanding 4-1 lead.

William Smith was forced to pull its starting goalie, a freshman from Middlebury, Vermont in the first twelve minutes.

The Herons answered back offensively, however, and though Hamilton retained the lead, the Herons were able to close the gap to one goal.

By halftime, the Continentals had taken a four goal lead, tallying ten goals to William Smith's six. Because the Herons' defense focused primarily on Gloo, who leads the UCAA in goals and points, Hamilton looked to the younger players to step up.

Molly Plummer '03 and Sarah Bardenett '04 rose to the challenge, each tallying a goal by halftime. Wakefield, Gloo and Mosely each scored multiple goals in the first thirty minutes of play.

"The goals were very evenly distributed, which is unusual in lacrosse," commented Engster. Hollands agreed, commenting "William Smith tried to take our leading scorers out of the game, and our younger kids did a great job of stepping up to the challenge."

Hamilton was able to stay in front of the Herons for the entire second half. The Continentals' defense was able to stop William Smith's signature transition game, and forced the Herons to play at their pace.

"They did not know how to react to the change," commented Engster.

The defensive efforts of captain Lauren Bruce '01, Jenne Atherton '01, Abby Zeidler '03 and Nadia Dovi '04 kept the William Smith attack from becoming too much of a threat. Bruce, who currently leads the UCAA in caused turnovers, led both teams in the category.

Coach Karen Hollands praised the low defenders, saying, "The defense played extremely well together. They had great double teams off the draw. Atherton and Bruce did a great job for us in slowing down the transitions. Atherton tends to blend in because she does her job very well consistently."

In goal, Jess Asrican '01 came up with eight important saves, and her play improved throughout the game as her confidence increased.

Because of the Herons' tight defense, Asrican was challenged more than she has been.

"Jess was under a lot of pressure, but she never lost her head

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Men's Lacrosse upsets Williams, 10-7

by Brent Lowinger '02
Sports Writer

If you have ever seen the movies *Trading Places, Vice Versa,* or *Big* you might be able to understand the story of the men's lacrosse team from last week.

The reason I say this is because the team that showed up to play Williams College on Sunday was definitely not the same team that lost to lowly Utica College last Wednesday.

Don't get me wrong, the players all looked the same, only they played lacrosse much, much better. For only the second time in the program's extensive history, the Hamilton College men's lacrosse team defeated rival Williams.

The team that showed up on Sunday was inspired. They were focused, determined, and they finally played like they believed in themselves.

The players wanted to win and they played like it. They were not intimidated and they would not back down from a strong Williams team that has dominated Hamilton in the past.

This is not a Hamilton squad like those from the past, though. The team that went 1-15 just two short years ago is erased from memory when you watch this team play at its best.

This year's team now knows that it can not only play with anyone, but it can beat them.

"This was a huge win for us" said midfielder Andrew Myerberg '02. "This was by far the biggest win of my Hamilton career. It felt good to stick it to those guys. I think we're back on the right path now."

However, the game was a battle right from the opening face-off. The teams traded goals for much of the first half with Williams holding a 5-4 lead with five minutes to play before halftime.

Then, Hamilton summoned all of its energy to go on a two goal run before halftime with scoring strikes from Matt Silverio '03 and Jay Morrell '02.

The Continentals took a 6-5 lead into halftime, knowing that they had the upper hand in a highly contested war on the field.

The Continentals got off to a slow start in the second half, scoring only one goal in the third quarter. This allowed Williams to stay in the game, scoring two goals and deadlocking the score at 7-7 going into the final period of play.

No one but the players know what Coach Jayme Block said to the team during the intermission, but the Conts came out in the fourth quarter determined to run away with a win.

Goalkeeper Butchie Wolcott '02 set the tone as he tallied up five of his 16 saves in the fourth quarter and allowed the offense to go on a run of their own.

The Continental offense scored three unanswered goals, two more than they needed as a dominant fourth quarter performance led to a 10-7 victory over the shocked Ephs' players.

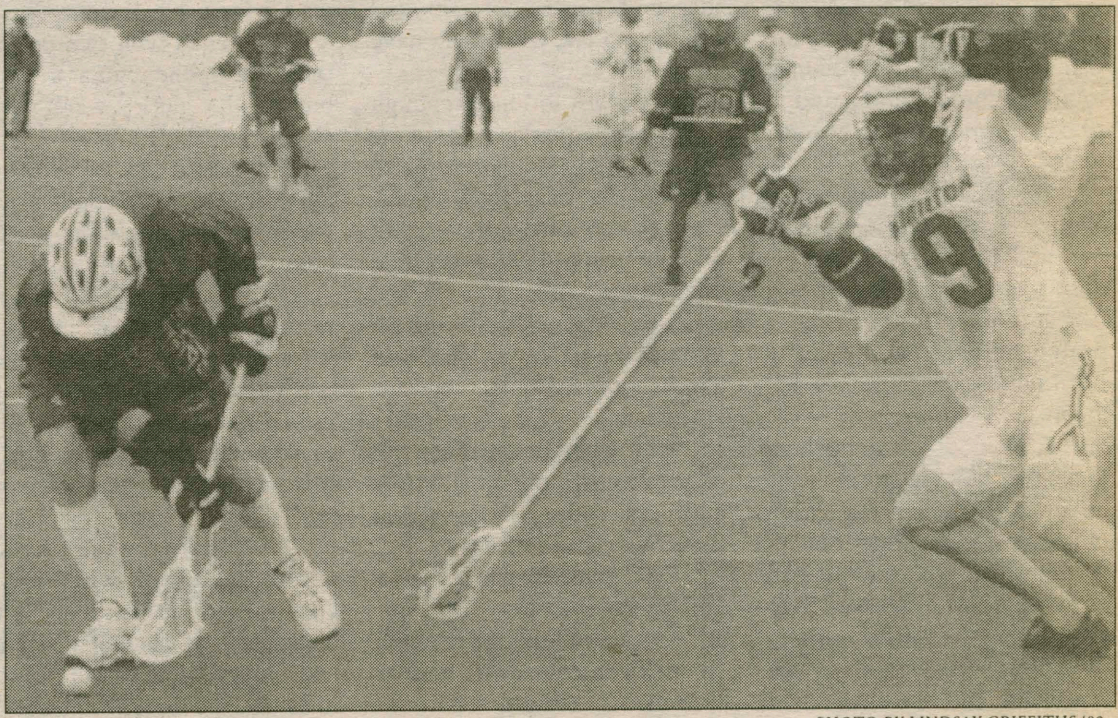
Silverio seems to have bounced back from his second half suspension versus Utica College as he led the Continentals with five points on four goals and one assist. The Continentals will need Silverio to maintain his offensive production if they intend to build on the Williams win.

Morrell added four points on a goal and three assists. His distribution was a major key to the win.

Brad Schwalm '02 chipped in with two key goals. Schwalm will need to start hitting his shots from the corners regularly if the Continentals have any hope of running through their remaining UCAA schedule and earning a NCAA Tournament bid.

The journey starts this weekend as the Conts take on UCAA foes St. Lawrence at 4PM on Friday and Clarkson at 2PM on Saturday.

These games will play a major role in determining the fate of the Continental's season, so come out to the turf and show the team your support.



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Hamilton's Canute Dalmasse (#9) fights for the ball against a Williams attacker.